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LEANING ON THE BROCK OF GIBRALTAR

THE DEFINING MOMENT in the career of Brock Lesnar will be long forgotten five years from now, when, presumably, he'll have shed the "Next Big Thing" label and been dubbed something more appropriate, perhaps simply "The Thing." What else but a "thing" could have withstood the force of 295 pounds careening out of control while attempting a shooting star press and coming frighteningly closer to paralysis than perfection?

The fact that he beat Kurt Angle for the Smackdown title at WrestleMania XIX in Seattle is far less significant than the fact that he was able to put himself in position to accomplish that feat just seconds after his brush with tragedy. Is "The Thing" invincible?

Of course not. But at a time when wrestling is losing all or most of the services of some of its biggest stars (Steve Austin, The Rock, Hulk Hogan) and having its hopes for the future cut down by injuries (Batista, Randy Orton, Edge), the sight of Lesnar winning his battle with fate could define his place in the business for many years to come.

Lesnar is number one. Austin, The Rock, Hogan, Batista, Randy Orton, and Edge, all of whom wrestled during the "PWI 500's" fiscal year (August to July), are, because of limited action, either not on the list or much lower than their talent level indicates they should be.

A year ago, when Vince and Co. hoped the label "Next Big Thing" would become a self-fulfilling prophecy, Lesnar was number 17, and a year before that, he was ranked number 87. While he was in the sights of WWE scouts, none would have bet a paycheck that he would ever be a major player—let alone number one—in 24 months. The oddity of this sport is that there are no LeBron James blue-chip, can't-miss prospects out there. James has played basketball practically his entire life and started drawing national attention when he was 16. If a pro team were allowed to draft him *before* he finished high school, it would have. While Lesnar had a brilliant amateur wrestling career, there were no guarantees that his tal-

ents would translate into the pro game. There is no such thing as "amateur" pro wrestling, so nobody really knows how good someone will be at this level until he gets in there and does it.

Lesnar had the size to be a formidable competitor before he became a pro, and he established his athleticism during his developmental stay in Ohio Valley Wrestling, but it wasn't until he turned what could have been his most horrific moment into his most terrific that he had a chance to show what's beating deep within his massive frame and defined the brilliance that puts him atop the greats of the game.

Examining the criteria for the "PWI 500," it is readily apparent that Lesnar excelled in all. They are (in order of importance):

- Win-loss record**
- Technical ability**
- Influence on the sport**
- Success against the highest grade of competition**
- Success against the most diverse competition**
- Activity**

As always, keep in mind that the "PWI 500" is not a ranking for the calendar year January through December. The "grading period" this year runs from August 2002 through July 2003 (and will be July through July henceforth).

As previously noted, a wrestler who has lost significant time due to injury can either be dropped from the list entirely (in which case he will be listed in "Farewell To The 500" with a disabled list—DL—designation) or receive a ranking that might not be commensurate with his abilities or the amount of success he enjoyed in a reduced time frame.

Feel free to offer your feedback. You can reach us with your comments at "PWI 500," P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034. Or you can e-mail your thoughts to us at londonpub@kappapublishing.com (please write "PWI 500" in the subject field).

[Editor's note: The numbers in parentheses following each name represent the wrestler's height, weight, years of pro experience, and ranking in the 2002 "PWI 500." An "NL" means the wrestler was not listed a year ago. Following the ratings is a complete listing of wrestlers ranked in 2002 but not 2003 (page 139), as well as an alphabetical cross-reference to the "PWI 500" (page 142). Also, for the first time, we present a cumulative ranking of every wrestler to have appeared in the "500" since its inception in 1991 (page 162).]

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1 BROCK LESNAR (6'3", 295, 3, 17)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

87th in 2001; 17th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Kurt Angle at WrestleMania XIX to regain the WWE Smackdown title.
2. Defeated The Big Show to qualify for the 2003 Royal Rumble and then went on to win the Rumble itself to earn a Smackdown title shot at WrestleMania (all in the same night).
3. Won his first WWE championship by defeating The Rock at SummerSlam 2002.
4. Cut all ties with agent Paul Heyman and dominated Heyman's charge, The Big Show, in subsequent matches, including a stretcher match at Judgment Day.
5. Retained the Smackdown title by beating John Cena in convincing fashion at Backlash.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 1:

Brock Lesnar proved to be the most dominating force in WWE during the grading period for this year's "PWI 500" ... After Lesnar disposed of The Rock and Hulk Hogan in late-summer 2002, his agent, Paul Heyman, announced the former NCAA champion would only defend his title on Smackdown events ... Despite taking flak for not being a fighting champion at the outset of his reign, Lesnar dominated The Undertaker and proved he was a worthy titlist ... Though he was stunned by Heyman's betrayal and lost the title at Survivor Series, Lesnar showed resilience in dominating The Big Show and earning a title shot at WrestleMania ... Though his shooting star press fell flat, Lesnar impressed his peers with his willingness to try such a high-risk maneuver so late in an exhausting WrestleMania main event against Angle ... He impressed even more people by being able to consistently hoist the 500-pound Show for the F5 ... Lesnar is the closest thing to an unbeatable fan favorite since Goldberg's peak in WCW. Beyond that, only Hulk Hogan can rival his aura of invincibility ... Lesnar managed to shut John Cena's mouth and sent the promising young star straight to the bottom of the list of contenders ... "The Next Big Thing" has become the hottest property in WWE.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

It will be interesting to see if Lesnar can remain the king of the Smackdown mountain, or if someone will knock him down and keep him down for a while. For all of his amazing physical attributes, Lesnar was burned by Heyman's deviousness, and it cost him his title. Lesnar is still a young man, and like any young athlete, he is prone to making mental errors. Luckily for Lesnar, he seems to have few fresh challengers on Smackdown, as Goldberg, Scott Steiner, Triple-H, and Rob Van Dam are all on the Raw side. As long as Lesnar avoids gimmick matches and bizarre stipulations, his second title reign should last most of 2003. Now that he has finally unveiled some of his aerial capabilities (and may be reluctant to try such high-risk moves in the future), future challengers should have Lesnar well-scouted. To grab the top spot in next year's "500," Lesnar is going to have to prove that his natural athleticism and raw power are enough to ward off challenges from a variety of opponents, all of whom will no doubt be well-versed in Lesnar's dossier.



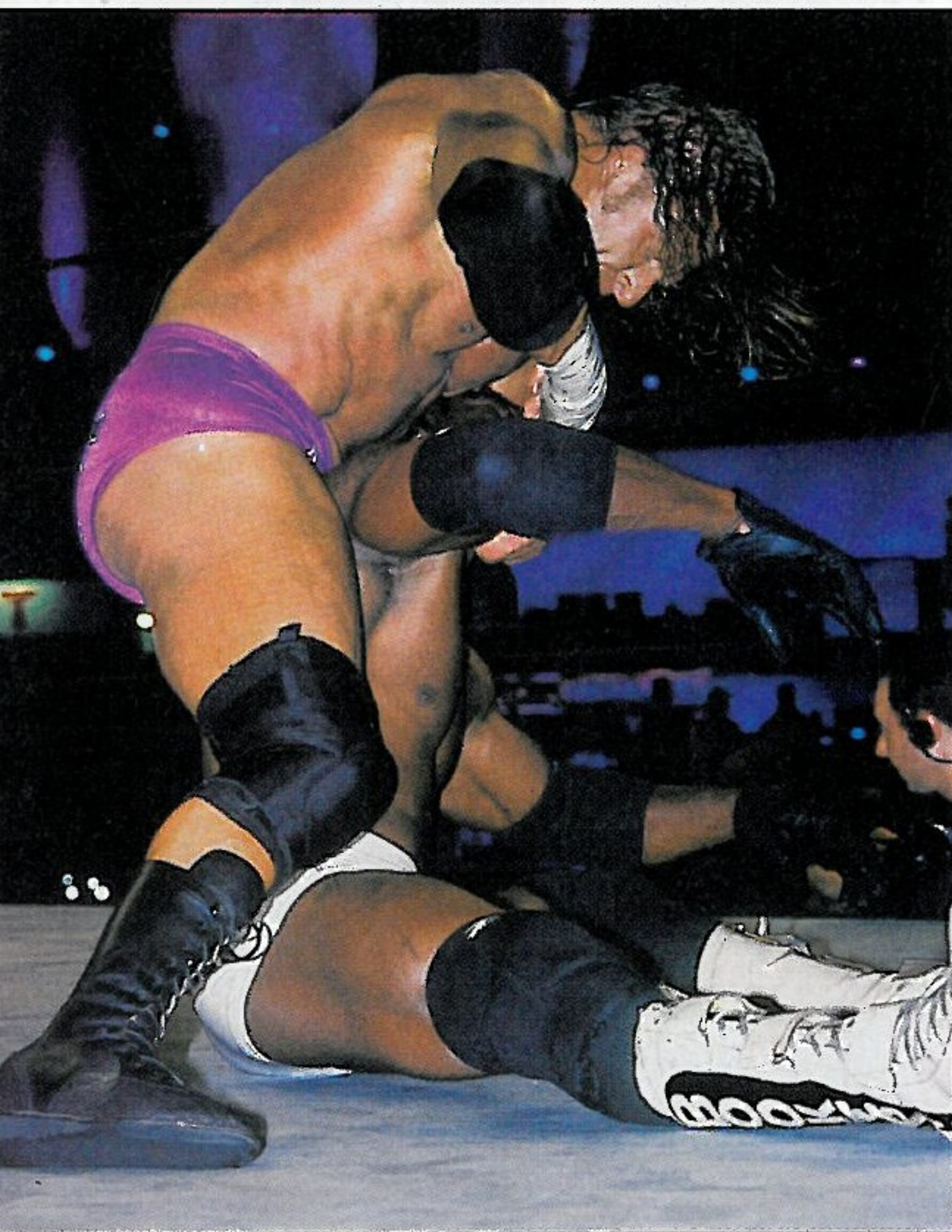
Lesnar drives a boot into Big Show's gut

Big Brock overpowers Charlie Haas



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2 TRIPLE-H (6'5", 269, 12, 10)



Triple-H works over Booker T



"The Game" hammerlocks Ric Flair

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

225th in 1994; 84th in 1995; 79th in 1996; 31st in 1997; 24th in 1998; 26th in 1999; 1st in 2000; 6th in 2001; 10th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

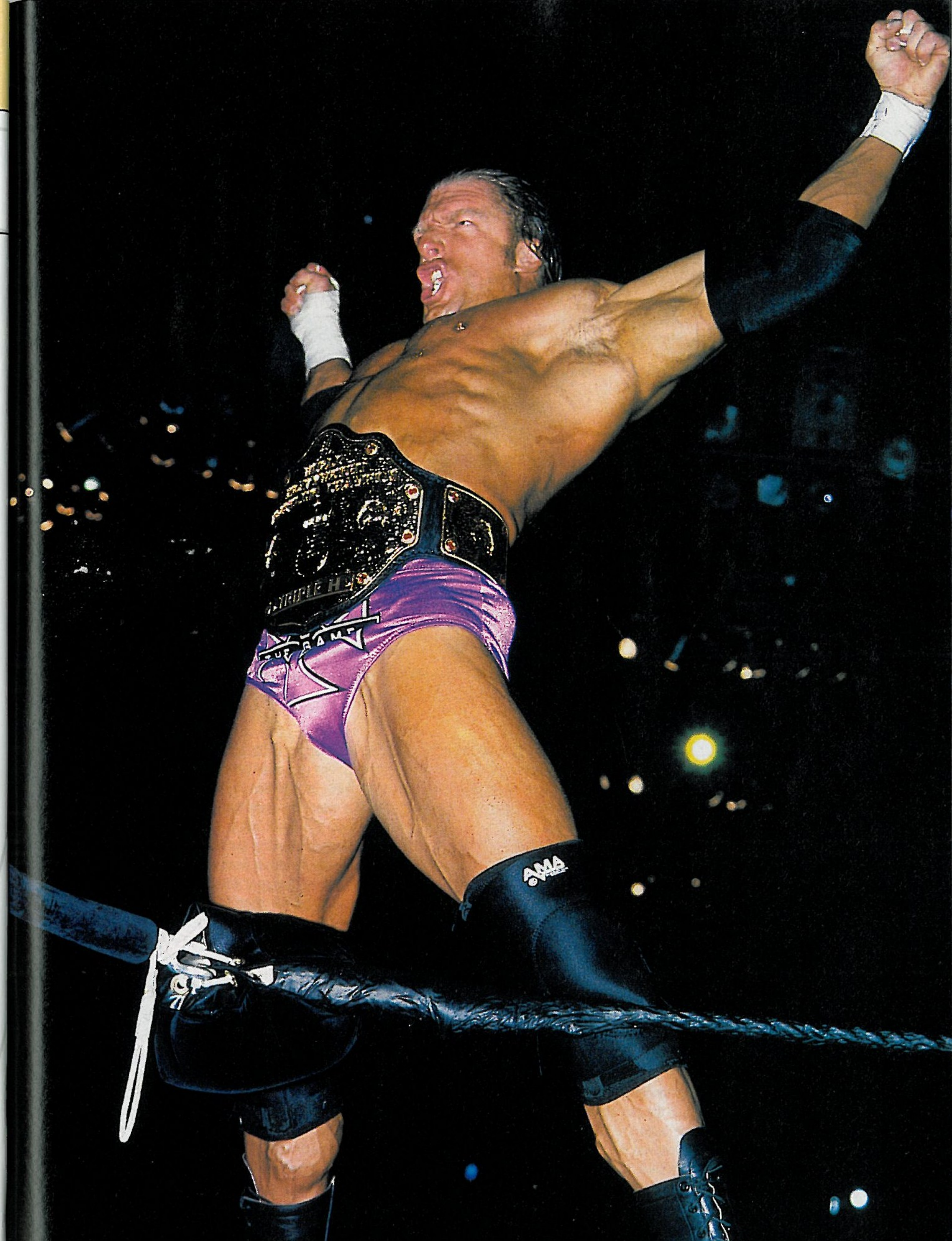
1. Was awarded the Raw championship by Raw GM Eric Bischoff on September 2, 2002.
2. Defeated Kevin Nash to retain the championship in a "Hell In A Cell" match at Bad Blood.
3. Defeated Shawn Michaels in a best-of-three-falls match at Armageddon to regain the championship.
4. Humbled Scott Steiner in their No Way Out clash to retain the championship.
5. Beat Kane in a title vs. mask match on the June 23 edition of *Raw*.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 2:

Other than a one-month interruption by Shawn Michaels, Triple-H has thoroughly dominated the Raw championship scene throughout the past year ... Triple-H lost the title to Michaels in a bloody six-way "Elimination Chamber" match at Survivor Series, but regained the belt one month later at Armageddon ... Following that victory, Triple-H systematically defeated any and all comers, including Booker T, Kane, Ric Flair, Steiner, and Rob Van Dam ... He has benefited tremendously from the guidance of Flair, and Evolution has become the 2003 version of Flair's Four Horsemen ... An apparent rift between Hunter and Flair turned out to be a ruse designed by "The Game" ... Triple-H defied the odds to beat former pal Kevin Nash in a "Hell In A Cell" match at Bad Blood, in spite of the presence of his arch-enemy Mick Foley as guest referee ... He defeated Kane in the biggest match in Kane's career, forcing "The Big Red Machine" to give up his mask, even though Triple-H needed plenty of outside interference to get the job done ... While he has proven to be a more dominant champion than many would have expected, Triple-H continues to rely on outside interference and his ever-present sledgehammer in the majority of his title defenses, even when he's shown he's perfectly capable of winning on his own merits.

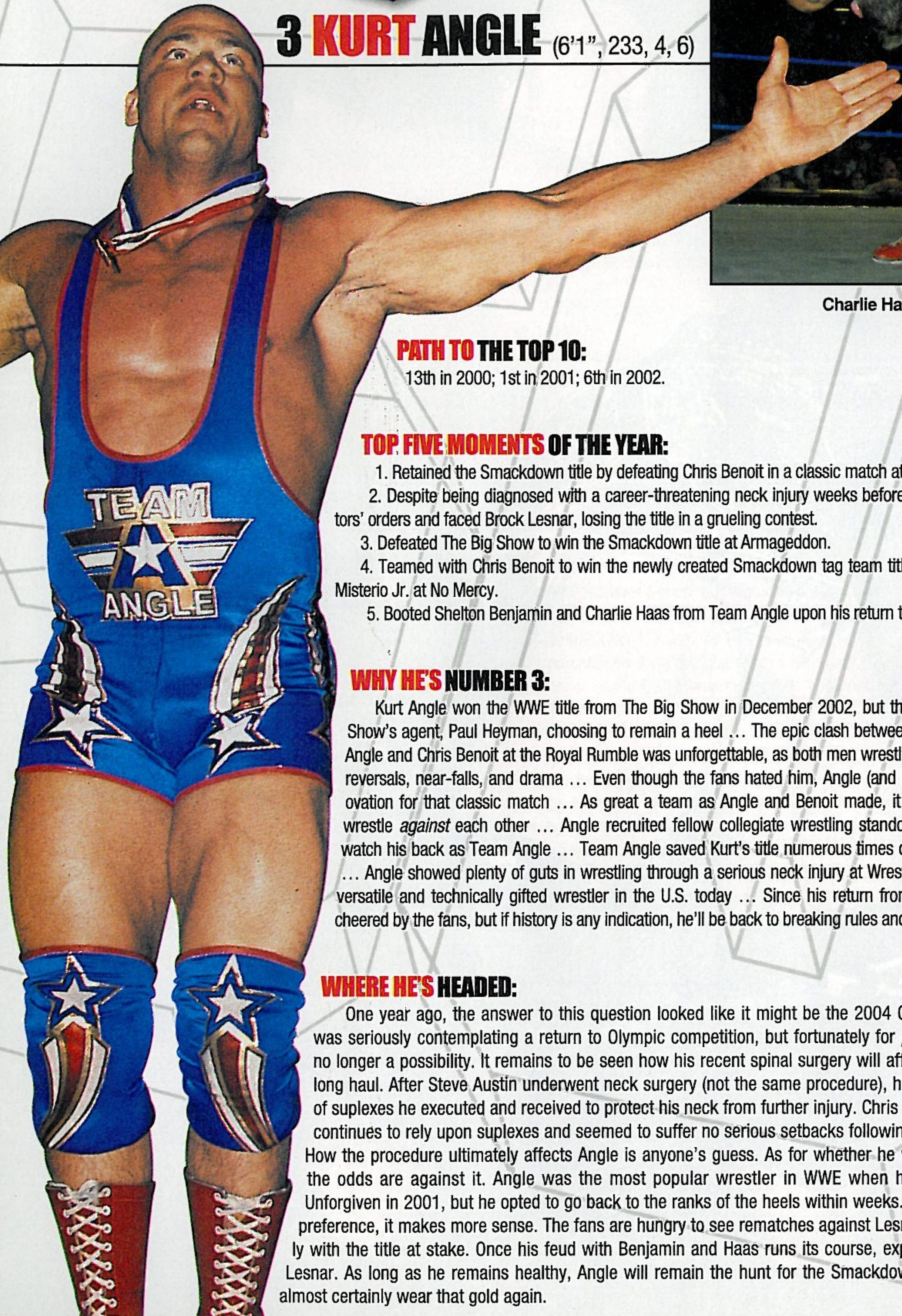
WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Triple-H's biggest challenge on the horizon seems to be Goldberg, a man who has let the world know he's no fan of "The Game." However, at this point, there seems to be little reason to believe Goldberg would present much more of a challenge than Steiner, Booker T, or Nash did. Like Flair, Hunter lives for his title, whereas Goldberg's motivations have always been murky (and some question whether he will remain in WWE over the long haul). Triple-H appears to be prepared to continue to dominate the title picture, especially now that Randy Orton is back to assist him. However, as long as Hunter's old enemy Steve Austin is a co-GM of Raw, he's always on the verge of being forced into a match that puts him at a severe disadvantage. Another X-factor is The Rock, who is back in the fans' good graces and is now expected back in WWE in the fall. Neither Triple-H nor Rock has been able to establish himself as the dominant force in their ongoing feud, and Rock stands the best chance of being the one to ruin Triple-H's good fortunes.



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3 KURT ANGLE (6'1", 233, 4, 6)



Charlie Haas gets tossed by Angle

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

13th in 2000; 1st in 2001; 6th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Retained the Smackdown title by defeating Chris Benoit in a classic match at the Royal Rumble.
2. Despite being diagnosed with a career-threatening neck injury weeks before WrestleMania, defied doctors' orders and faced Brock Lesnar, losing the title in a grueling contest.
3. Defeated The Big Show to win the Smackdown title at Armageddon.
4. Teamed with Chris Benoit to win the newly created Smackdown tag team title by beating Edge and Rey Mysterio Jr. at No Mercy.
5. Booted Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas from Team Angle upon his return to WWE in June.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 3:

Kurt Angle won the WWE title from The Big Show in December 2002, but then formed an alliance with Show's agent, Paul Heyman, choosing to remain a heel ... The epic clash between former tag team partners Angle and Chris Benoit at the Royal Rumble was unforgettable, as both men wrestled a clean match filled with reversals, near-falls, and drama ... Even though the fans hated him, Angle (and Benoit) received a standing ovation for that classic match ... As great a team as Angle and Benoit made, it was better watching them wrestle *against* each other ... Angle recruited fellow collegiate wrestling standouts Benjamin and Haas to watch his back as Team Angle ... Team Angle saved Kurt's title numerous times during the first part of 2003 ... Angle showed plenty of guts in wrestling through a serious neck injury at WrestleMania ... He is the most versatile and technically gifted wrestler in the U.S. today ... Since his return from surgery, Angle has been cheered by the fans, but if history is any indication, he'll be back to breaking rules and getting booed in no time.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

One year ago, the answer to this question looked like it might be the 2004 Olympics in Greece. Angle was seriously contemplating a return to Olympic competition, but fortunately for *pro* wrestling fans, that is no longer a possibility. It remains to be seen how his recent spinal surgery will affect his ring style over the long haul. After Steve Austin underwent neck surgery (not the same procedure), he cut back on the number of suplexes he executed and received to protect his neck from further injury. Chris Benoit, on the other hand, continues to rely upon suplexes and seemed to suffer no serious setbacks following his return from surgery. How the procedure ultimately affects Angle is anyone's guess. As for whether he will remain a fan favorite, the odds are against it. Angle was the most popular wrestler in WWE when he won the World title at Unforgiven in 2001, but he opted to go back to the ranks of the heels within weeks. Besides being a personal preference, it makes more sense. The fans are hungry to see rematches against Lesnar and Benoit, particularly with the title at stake. Once his feud with Benjamin and Haas runs its course, expect Angle to turn against Lesnar. As long as he remains healthy, Angle will remain the hunt for the Smackdown championship and will almost certainly wear that gold again.

Angle **arm-drags** Shelton Benjamin



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4 KEIJI MUTO (6'1", 245, 19, 3)



Muto stifles The Great Koji



An aerial assault on Osamu Nishimura

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

20th in 1991; 25th in 1992; 19th in 1993; 15th in 1994; 13th in 1995; 32nd in 1996; 37th in 1997; 58th in 1998; 7th in 1999; 22nd in 2000; 4th in 2001; 3rd in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

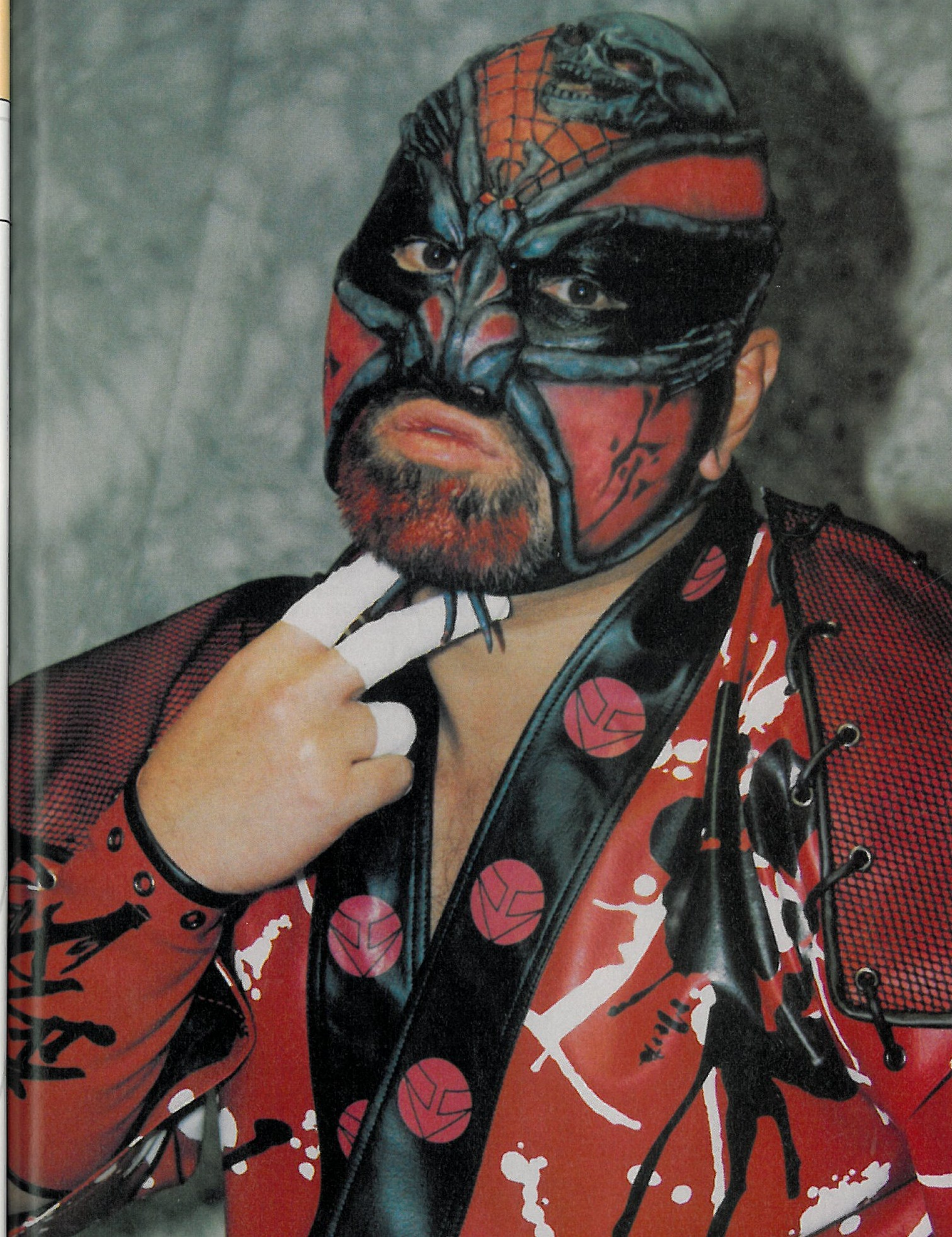
1. Was named president of All-Japan Pro Wrestling in September.
2. Defeated Genichiro Tenryu to regain the All-Japan Triple Crown on October 27.
3. Teamed with Bill Goldberg to defeat Kronik at the Tokyo Dome.
4. Teamed with Arashi to beat Satoshi Kojima and Jimmy Yang to win the vacant All-Japan tag team title on June 8.
5. Teamed with Taka Michinoku and Caol Uno to defeat Jimmy Yang, Great Sasuke, and Great Kosuke in a spirited six-man tag match.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 4:

Keiji Muto's 2002 defection from New Japan to All-Japan was arguably the top story in Japanese wrestling of the past few years ... Muto might be the most consistent wrestler in the 13 years since *PWI* started doing the "500," never dropping lower than number 58 and finishing in the top 25 10 times now ... That kind of showing is incredible, considering he rarely wrestles any matches in the U.S. these days, yet he remains at the forefront of American fans thoughts when they think of Japanese wrestling ... Due to the strain on his back and knees that years of executing high-flying moves (especially the moonsault) have caused, Muto has altered his style, favoring submission holds and brutal strikes, such as his shining wizard knee to the head ... Regaining the venerable Triple Crown title from Tenryu reaffirmed Muto's status as the top wrestler in Japan ... Still periodically wears his face paint (including his "Spider-Man" design), but usually competes bare-faced ... Almost a 20-year veteran now, Muto has begun competing more in tag team matches, though (as his Triple Crown win shows) he remains a very formidable singles competitor and turned in many a brilliant performance again this past year ... Will be remembered as one of the great innovators in the sport and the man who first introduced the moonsault to American audiences in 1988.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

As president of All-Japan, Muto seemingly has a cozy desk job waiting for him the day he decides to hang up the kneepads once and for all, but there is a distinct possibility that All-Japan will go under and in essence be replaced by Zero-One. If that happens, Muto's future as an executive would be uncertain. But because of the changes he's made to his wrestling style, Muto has prolonged his in-ring career. Frankly, considering all the damage he's done to his knees through years of moonsaults, we're surprised he has lasted as long as he has, let alone managed to stay on top. We expect Muto to continue wrestling for at least a few more years, and even after retirement, he'll probably follow in the footsteps of Giant Baba, Antonio Inoki, and Atsushi Onita and return for semi-regular appearances. We'd love to see one last American tour before he's through. How about a series in Ring of Honor?



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5 CHRIS JERICHO (5'10", 225, 13, 4)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

42nd in 1996; 26th in 1997; 10th in 1998; 29th in 1999; 9th in 2000; 9th in 2001; 4th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Teamed with Christian to win the Raw tag team title from The Hurricane and Kane on October 14.
2. Defeated Rob Van Dam to win the Intercontinental title on September 16.
3. Retained the I-C title by beating Ric Flair by submission at Unforgiven.
4. Eliminated arch-rival Shawn Michaels from the 2003 Royal Rumble.
5. Wrestled a tremendous match, arguably the best on the card, against Michaels at WrestleMania XIX, but was unable to defeat "The Heartbreak Kid."

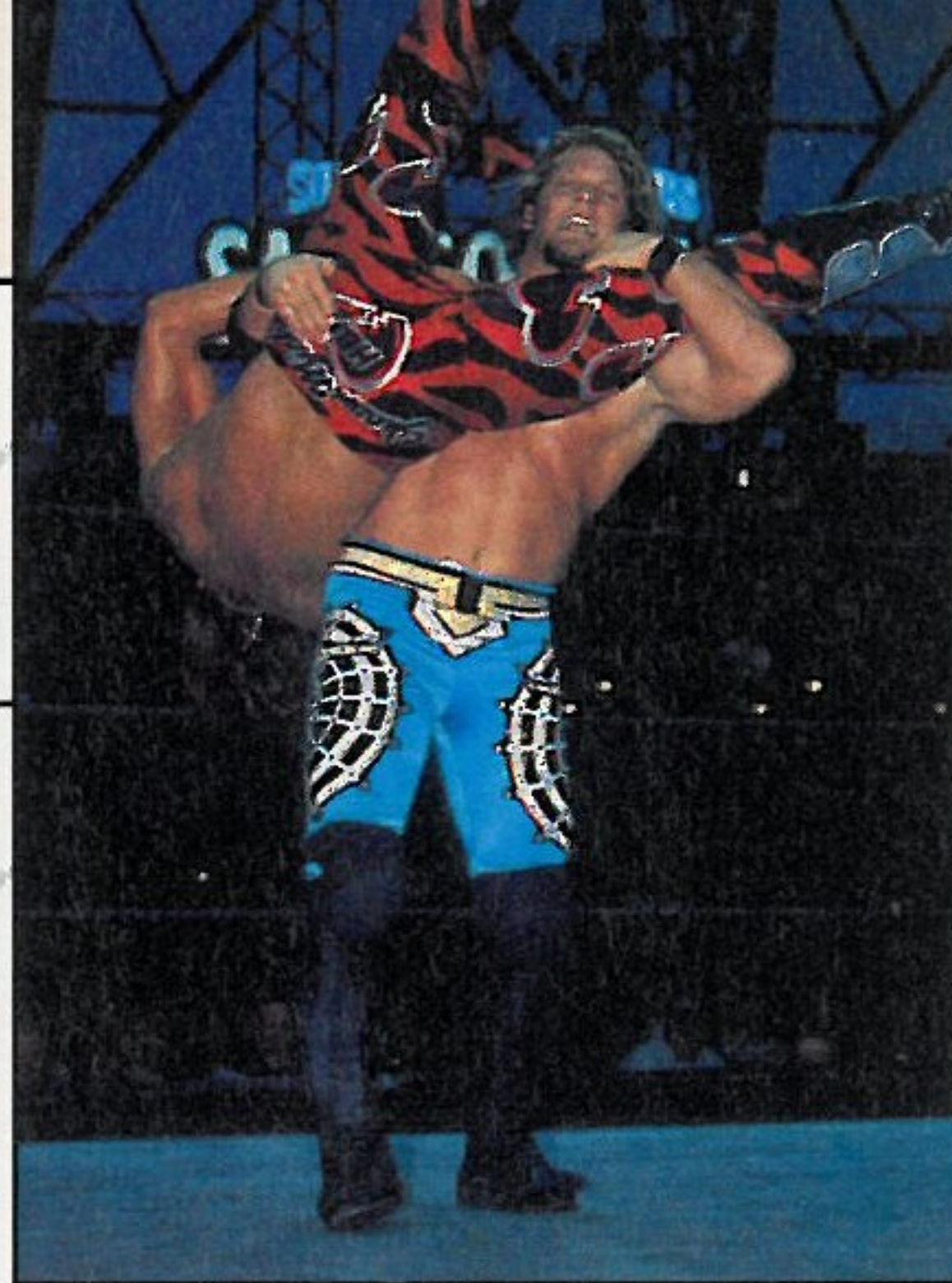
WHY HE'S NUMBER 5:

Despite the fact that the fans despise Jericho, even Y2J's toughest critics are beginning to give him his props as an occasional main-event talent ... He had a bit of a letdown after unifying the WCW and WWF world titles and headlining WrestleMania in 2002 ... Though he has since slipped back down to the mid-card ranks, Jericho is a threat to any wrestler on the Raw roster ... For a so-called cowardly heel, Jericho has shown plenty of guts calling out Goldberg, Scott Steiner, and Shawn Michaels, though he hasn't had too much success (at least in terms of wins and losses) against them ... Despite losing to those men, Jericho earned his high ranking by consistently winning championships, wrestling a full-time schedule, and making both himself and his opponents look good in the ring on a consistent basis ... In fact, Jericho presented Goldberg with his strongest WWE challenge to date at Bad Blood, despite giving up nearly 60 pounds and five inches to "Da Man" ... Always looking for attention, Jericho introduced "The Highlight Reel" as his in-ring Raw brand talk show, and Y2J delivered entertaining segments week after week ... No matter the opponent, Jericho seems incapable of wrestling a stinker of a match, and that's all you need to know about his wrestling ability and ring generalship.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Jericho isn't likely to get many shots at the Raw title over the next few months, mainly because fellow heel Triple-H has a stranglehold on the title, and also because Goldberg, Michaels, The Rock, Kane, and perhaps even Van Dam have spring-

boarded in front of him on the contenders' list. For now at least, he's the heel to beat to earn a shot at Triple-H. Jericho really should consider a jump to Smackdown, where his style of athletic, high-flying wrestling is better appreciated. On Smackdown shows, Jericho could test his mettle against Eddie Guerrero, Chris Benoit, Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas, Kurt Angle, and—of course—Brock Lesnar. Though many would consider it an upset, Jericho has the ability and guile to take Lesnar's Smackdown title. Such a change could do wonders for Y2J. However, we suspect that he prefers competing live on Monday nights on the show on which legends such as Steve Austin, Flair, Michaels, and Rock reign. If that's the case, Jericho had best set his sights on Booker T's Intercontinental title or concentrate on tag team wrestling. Will the self-proclaimed "King Of The World" prove complacent, or will he make a lateral move to again challenge for one of the two big WWE titles?



Y2J scoops up HBK

Cutting "Big Daddy Cool" down to size



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6 THE BIG SHOW (7'2", 485, 8, 49)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

2nd in 1996; 8th in 1997; 31st in 1998; 34th in 1999; 16th in 2000; 72nd in 2001; 49th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Brock Lesnar to win the Smackdown title at Survivor Series.
2. Wrestled to a no-contest with Lesnar when the two of them, in an amazing visual, collapsed the ring when falling to the mat on the June 10 edition of *Smackdown*.
3. Wrestled a strong match but lost to The Undertaker's Dragon sleeper at No Way Out.
4. Viciously attacked Rey Mysterio Jr. as Mysterio was strapped to a backboard following Show's win over the Luchador at Backlash.
5. Pinned Mr. America in a six-man tag team match at the June 24 edition of *Smackdown* at Madison Square Garden.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 6:

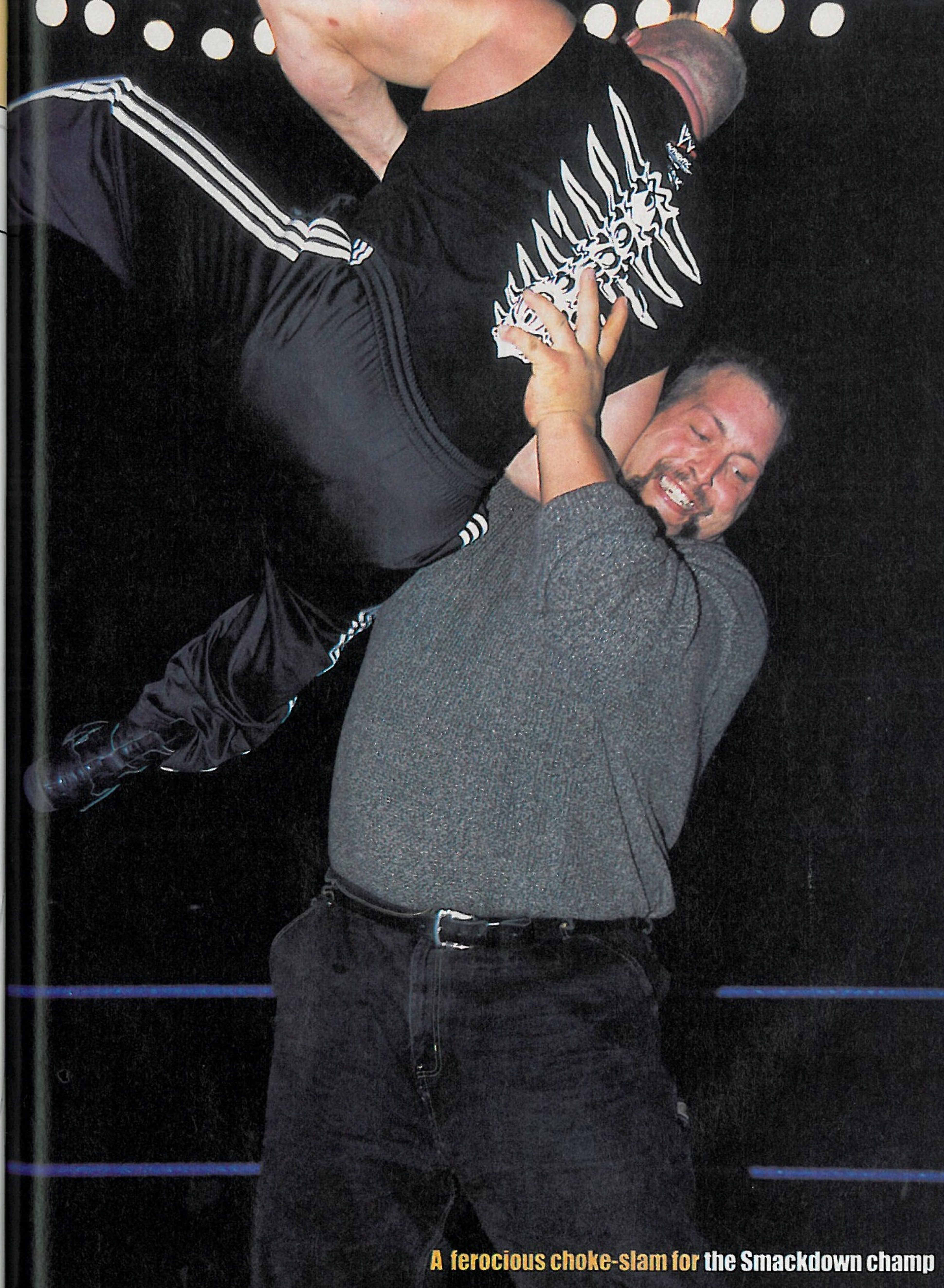
It's truly incredible to think that just one year ago, The Big Show was ranked lower than Chuck Palumbo, Jamie Noble, and The Hurricane in the "PWI 500" ... Show made the best move of his career when he jumped from Raw to Smackdown and secretly signed with Paul Heyman ... Heyman helped Show win Lesnar's Smackdown title to try to prove to Lesnar that he owed his winning ways to Heyman's guidance ... The move back to the main-event picture reinvigorated the big man, and Show collected televised wins over the likes of Chris Benoit and Edge ... Show made the critical error of underestimating Kurt Angle and paid for that lapse of judgment by dropping his title at Armageddon ... More than six months after losing the title, Show remains Lesnar's most formidable challenger, and he could well beat Brock to regain the title at any time ... The not-so-gentle giant made another strategic error by continuing his feud with The Undertaker and was humiliated when 'Taker defeated him and A-Train in a handicap match at WrestleMania ... Show took his rage out on Rey Mysterio Jr. and now seems to be getting back on track to challenge for the title ... His choke-slam remains the most effective variation of the move in wrestling, simply due to his height and natural power ... Has formed an alliance with Vince McMahon in recent months, and that could only help him in his quest to regain the title.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

The only thing consistent about The Big Show is his inconsistency. Eighteen months ago, Show was regularly losing three-minute matches to Jeff Hardy, Booker T, and Kane. Less than a year later, he dealt Lesnar his first pinfall loss on WWE TV and became champion of the Smackdown brand. Much of Show's success has to be attributed to Paul Heyman, as Heyman put Show in position for a shot at Lesnar and then ensured Show's success. Without Heyman in his corner, Show has regressed a bit at times, falling into feuds against Mysterio and Zach Gowen when he should be totally focused on Lesnar. If Show can maintain his drive and focus, he can prove once and for all that he is a credible title challenger. If he falters, he'll soon slip back down to the mid-card picture. One thing is for sure: Since Show still has about five years left on his WWE contract, he'll continue to be a fixture on WWE TV. The question is will he be a monster villain, or the biggest steppingstone in the sport? Only Show himself can provide the answer.



Show rolls over Angle and Lesnar



A ferocious choke-slam for the Smackdown champ

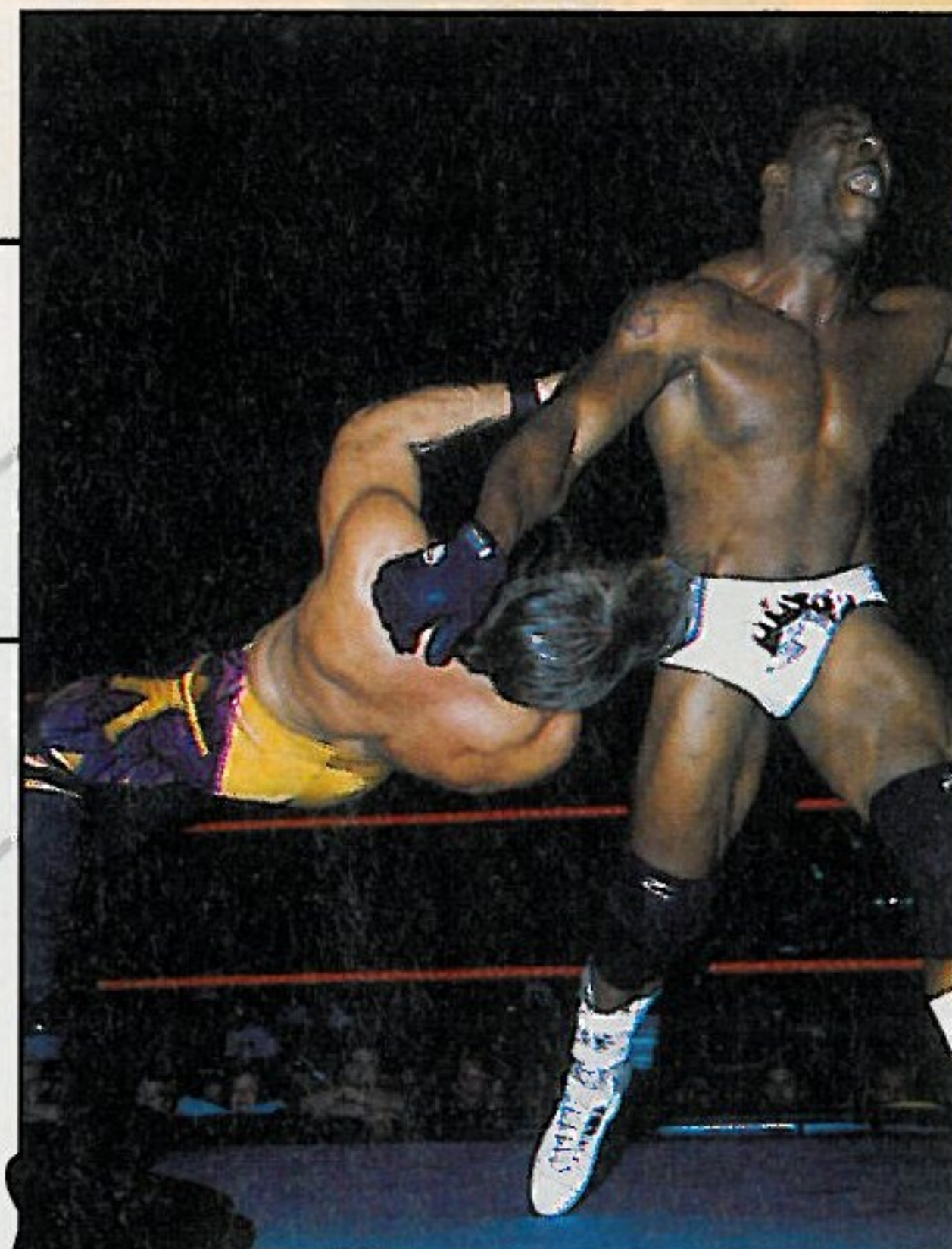
7 BOOKER T (6'3", 250, 13, 14)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

390th in 1991; 200th in 1992; 182nd in 1993; 260th in 1994; 89th in 1995; 86th in 1996; 84th in 1997; 7th in 1998; 60th in 1999; 61st in 2000; 5th in 2001; 14th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Christian to win the Intercontinental title on the July 7 edition of *Raw*.
2. Teamed with Goldust to win the WWE Raw tag team title on December 15.
3. Nearly defeated Triple-H for the WWE Raw title in a featured match at WrestleMania XIX.
4. Dominated and defeated I-C champion Christian by disqualification at Bad Blood.
5. Took part in a six-man "Elimination Chamber" match for the Raw title at Survivor Series 2002.



Booker knocks down Jericho

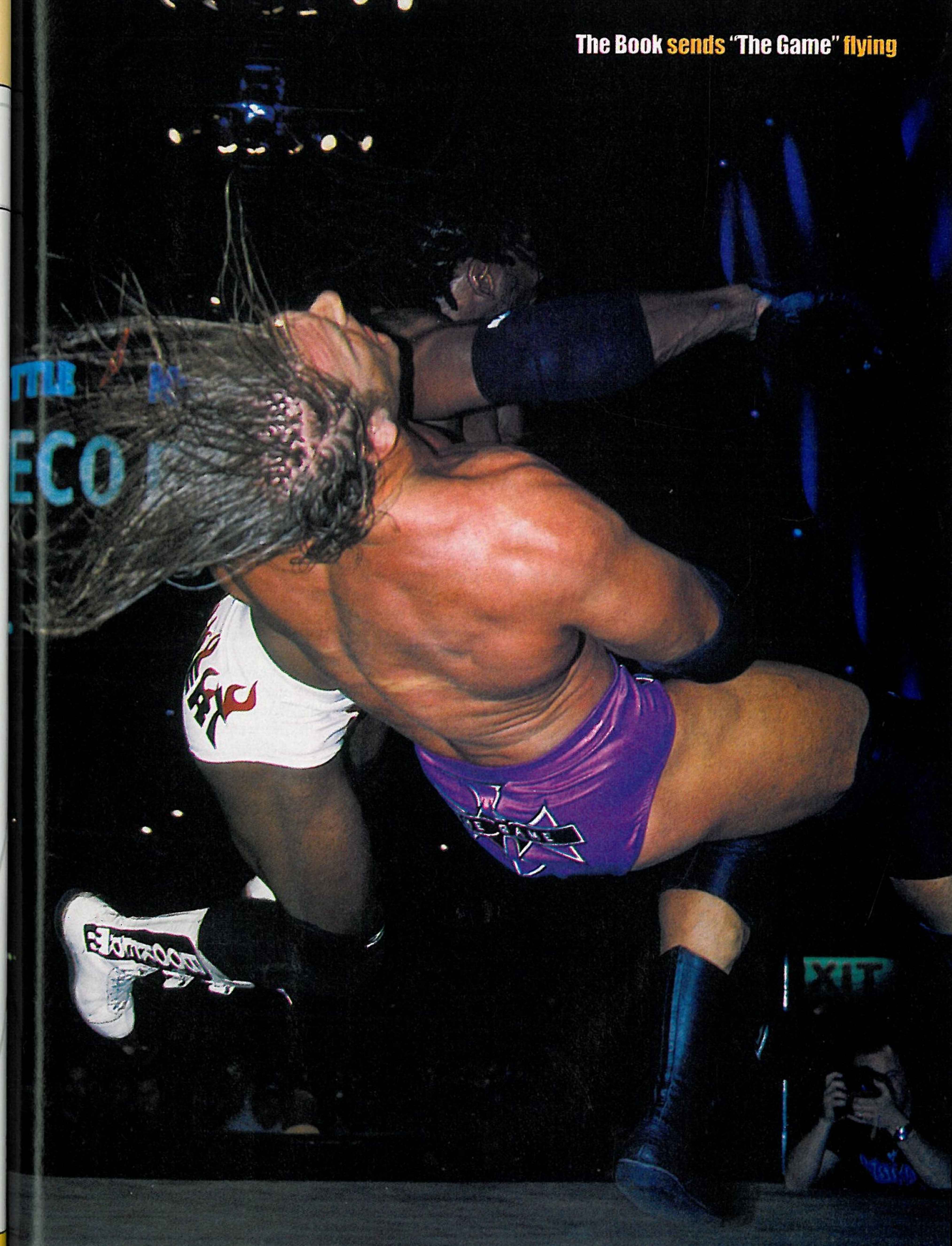
WHY HE'S NUMBER 7:

Booker T has become one of the most respected and popular wrestlers in WWE ... The Booker T/Goldust tag team initially seemed to be a marriage of convenience, but the two had a very special chemistry and developed into a formidable and entertaining tag team ... Even though Booker T spent several months teaming with Goldust, he remained a viable singles threat at the same time ... The five-time former WCW World champion received a shot at Triple-H's title at WrestleMania and was expected by many to take "The Game's" championship ... Booker showed plenty of heart in that match, despite suffering an incapacitating knee injury early in the match ... Some would say targeting the Intercontinental title was a step down, but Booker employed smart strategy by taking a small step backward and having success again rather than becoming frustrated with his inability to beat Hunter ... Saved The Rock from an attack by Christian and Chris Jericho on Jericho's "Highlight Reel" segment in the spring, then taught Rock how to do the "Rock-a-roonie" ... Booker remains one of WWE's most capable grapplers, widely appreciated for his perseverance, power, charisma, and underrated technical skills ... Booker's Book-end variation of the Rock bottom is tremendously effective, and his scissors kick is as devastating as it is pretty.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Booker T got started in wrestling at a relatively advanced age. Now that he is just two years away from turning 40, it would seem that his best years are behind him. However, Booker spent the first eight years of his career in a tag team with his brother, Stevie Ray. While he may be 38, he's a young 38. It took Booker a little while to adapt to the style and fast pace of WWE, but he's hitting his stride now. In fact, he's probably one of the top three most popular wrestlers in the promotion, which is saying something. Booker is right where he should be—he's a dangerous singles wrestler with a major secondary championship. He's still within striking distance of the Raw title, but he also has his own championship to defend. Booker certainly hasn't forgotten the elitist (and some would say racist) attitude Triple-H conveyed leading up to their showdown at 'Mania, and he's still hungry to make Hunter choke on his words. He should yet get his opportunity, and we think he'll make the most of it. Booker T is a future Raw champion. He's just waiting for the right moment to make another run.

The Book sends "The Game" flying



8 KENTA KOBASHI (6'2", 265, 15, NL)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

69th in 1993; 37th in 1994; 64th in 1995; 4th in 1996; 15th in 1997; 6th in 1998; 24th in 1999; 4th in 2000; not listed in 2001 or 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Returned to action after more career-threatening knee surgeries.
2. Defeated Mitsuharu Misawa in a classic contest to win the Pro Wrestling NOAH Global Honored Crown in March.
3. Teamed with Tamon Honda to win the GHC tag title from Jun Akiyama and Akitoshi Saito in June.
4. Developed a new finisher known as the diamondhead.
5. Has remained virtually injury-free since returning to full-time competition (no small feat for a man with his medical history).

WHY HE'S NUMBER 8:

The competitor formerly known as "Orange Crush" has once again bounced back from career-threatening knee surgery ... Had been out of action for the better part of two years, and stories of his debilitated condition before the latest surgeries appeared in periodicals across Japan ... In 2000, he sided with Mitsuharu Misawa and left All-Japan for Misawa's new Pro Wrestling NOAH promotion, surrendering the All-Japan Triple Crown title in the process ... Kobashi had won the Triple Crown title by beating Vader ... Won the 2000 Champions Carnival tournament, beating Takao Omori in the finals ... Earned the nickname "Orange Crush" in All-Japan because he always wore orange tights, but dropped that image in NOAH ... Decided to join NOAH because he wanted to face more varied competition ... Proved that he was back close to 100 percent in an outstanding match against Misawa that was considered to be an instant classic (Misawa announced it would be last singles match between the two) ... Knocks opponents for a loop with his wicked lariat clothesline ... Kobashi is the inventor of the burning hammer, an upside-down version of the Death Valley driver that finishes like a brainbuster. It's a devastating finisher ... New pet maneuver is called the diamondhead and has been effective against a variety of opponents ... Has been enormously satisfied with the success of NOAH, and says holding the Global Honored Crown championship is a career highlight.

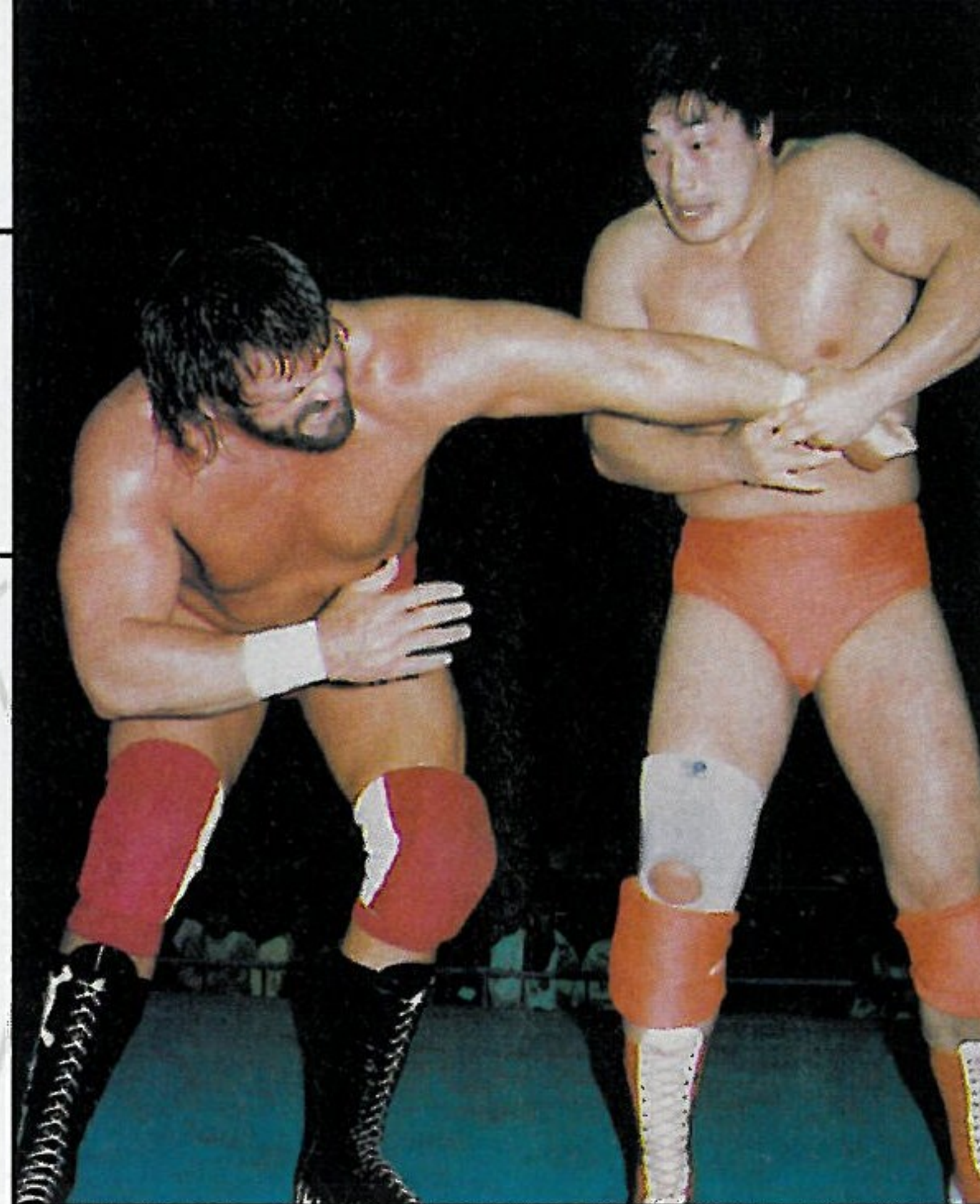
WHERE HE'S HEADED:

One of the reasons Kobashi chose to leave All-Japan for NOAH was because he wanted to wrestle a wider array of opponents. Because of All-Japan's somewhat exclusionary business practices, Kobashi never got a chance to prove himself against many wrestlers the Japanese press considered legitimate contenders.

As a result, Kobashi was regarded by some as a subpar champion. Now that he's back in action and feeling little effects from surgery (at least when he's in the ring and the adrenaline is flowing), Kobashi has the opportunity to be where he wanted to be when Misawa started NOAH a few years ago. Thus far, Kobashi has shown himself to be a fighting champion, and there are plenty of hungry challengers on the horizon. In addition to Misawa, Kobashi will have to contend with former NOAH champs Jun Akiyama and Yoshinari Ogawa, as well as Akira Taue, among others. Kobashi should be up for the challenge. He's one of *puroresu's* true innovators, and he has the fighting spirit of a proud champion.



Mitsuharu Misawa is down for the count



Kobashi dominates Steve Williams

Photo courtesy of Pro Wrestling NOAH



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9 EDDIE GUERRERO (5'8", 223, 15, 5)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

141st in 1994; 17th in 1995; 29th in 1996; 24th in 1997; 28th in 1998; 20th in 2000; 50th in 2001; 5th in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Teamed with Tajiri to win the WWE Smackdown tag team title from Team Angle at Judgment Day.
2. Teamed with nephew Chavo Guerrero Jr. to win the Smackdown tag title from Edge and Rey Mysterio Jr. at Survivor Series 2002.
3. Teamed with Chavo in a wild three-way match against Team Angle and Chris Benoit and Rhyno at WrestleMania XIX.
4. Pinned Edge at Unforgiven.
5. Drew the ire of Team Angle by stealing their tag title belts and driving off in his low-rider with Chavo.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 9:

Last year, Eddie Guerrero overcame his substance abuse problems and regained his superstar status after many successful matches on the independent circuit and abroad ... In so doing, Guerrero proved he was still one of the most talented wrestlers in the world, and he was ranked number five in the "500" because of it ... Since then, Guerrero has spent most of his time competing in tag team matches, but he hasn't lost any of the skills that helped him break into the top 10 last year ... On any given night, Guerrero can stand toe-to-toe and go move for move with Kurt Angle, Chris Benoit, or Rhyno, and that makes him one of the top stars of the Smackdown brand ... Unfortunately, Guerrero continues to be hampered by his relatively small size. A lot of fans don't see him as a legitimate threat to the likes of Brock Lesnar or The Big Show ... Guerrero has tried to overcome that perception by adding muscle mass, but that might have slowed him down slightly ... He has adapted the Lucha Libre style to the American style better than any other wrestler with so much experience south of the border ... His frog splash off the top remains an effective and exhilarating finisher ... At press time, Guerrero was looking like a prime candidate for the restored U.S. title, and a feud against Ultimo Dragon could be a classic for the ages.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Although Guerrero would no doubt disagree, Chavo's biceps tear could turn out to be a personal blessing. While Eddie was deriving plenty of personal pleasure from teaming with his nephew, he was moving further and further away from singles contention. Even when they were champions, the team of Guerrero and Tajiri looked like a short-term arrangement. Once they lost the belts and violently split up (on the same night), Guerrero discovered he had some time on his hands before Chavo would be ready to return. So he smartly decided to push for the U.S. title and is probably considering making a move for the Smackdown title. Eddie would be at a distinct disadvantage against the massive Lesnar, but don't count out his technical skills or his willingness to break the rules. A guy with a personal motto of "cheat to win" should never be considered that much of an underdog against anyone. If he makes his move soon, Guerrero could finally grab one of the big championships in WWE. If he hesitates too long, he's likely to be boxed in as a tag team and mid-card competitor, and he'll be unlikely to break the top 10 again in next year's "500." Guerrero needs to regain more of the momentum that brought him back to WWE last year.



Guerrero pounds on Kidman

Blasting Sean O'Haire with a stunning dropkick



PWI 500

10 ROB VAN DAM (6', 237, 14, 1)

PATH TO THE TOP 10:

262nd in 1991; 173rd in 1992; 121st in 1993; 129th in 1994; 199th in 1995; 51st in 1996; 32nd in 1997; 14th in 1998; 2nd in 1999; 24th in 2000; 59th in 2001; 1st in 2002.

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

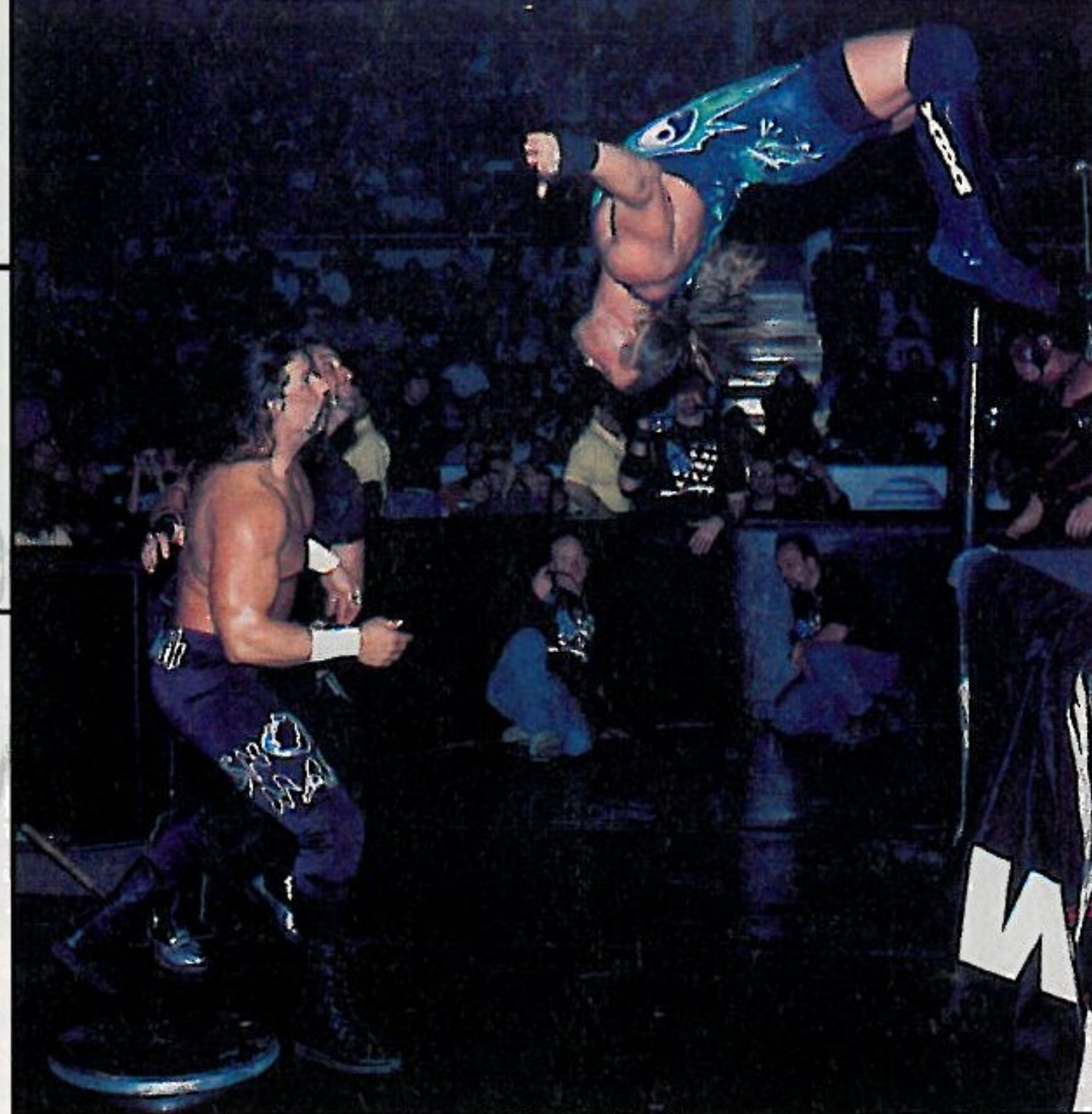
1. Pinned Chris Benoit to regain the Intercontinental title at SummerSlam 2002.
2. Pinned Ric Flair at No Mercy.
3. Was voted first runner-up in the Wrestler of the Year category (behind winner Brock Lesnar) in the 2002 *PWI* Achievement Awards.
4. Eliminated Jeff Hardy and A-Train en route to making it to the final five in the 2003 Royal Rumble.
5. Teamed with Kane to win the WWE Raw tag title on March 31.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 10:

It didn't take long for RVD to become one of the most popular wrestlers in WWE, even though he debuted as a heel allied with the WCW/ECW Alliance in 2001 ... Fans were instantly smitten with Van Dam's unorthodox brand of high-flying offense and stunning spin kicks, and Van Dam quickly captured the Intercontinental title ... When he was ranked number one in last year's "500," we wrote, "If Van Dam doesn't win the undisputed WWE championship by this time next year, something will have gone drastically wrong." Apparently, something has ... Won the I-C title for a third time in August 2002, but lost the belt to Chris Jericho just three weeks later ... When the I-C title was temporarily retired in October, Van Dam switched his focus to the tag team scene rather than challenge for the Raw title, though he probably had little choice, as Triple-H had beaten him in defense of that belt in September ... Similarly, RVD was the longest-reigning TV champion in ECW history, but never really made a serious run for the World title ... This doesn't seem like complacency on Van Dam's part. It appears WWE just doesn't see him as a consistent main-eventer, crowd reactions be damned ... Was left off the PPV card of WrestleMania XIX and stuck on *Sunday Night Heat*, where he was pinned ... One of Van Dam's problems is that he often wrestles to the level of his competition. When he's wrestling elite contenders, he is an elite contender. When he's wrestling the likes of La Resistance, he looks like a mid-card talent.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Right now, Van Dam is stuck on that old WWE treadmill. His tag team with Kane had moderate success, but that pairing appears to be finished. It's about time for Van Dam to seriously evaluate his priorities. With all his kickboxing skills, aerial abilities, and high-impact offensive moves, he should be able to mount a unique challenge for Triple-H. The fans are still on his side, and they'd certainly want to see RVD get another shot at "The Game." But now that the I-C title is back in circulation, will Van Dam slip back into his comfort zone and content himself with a secondary singles title? Or will he form a new tag team? As long as Triple-H remains the Raw champion, he'll probably have to be satisfied with a secondary role. But if a new champion takes over, a series of title matches with Van Dam would be a distinct possibility. Perhaps then RVD could show that he is deserving of a run with the big belt himself.



Taking out two foes at once

RVD crashes down on Jamal



11 A.J. STYLES (5'10", 202, 6, 70)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 11:

The reigning NWA heavyweight champion is standing on the cusp of greatness ... Check that—he is already there, and he has never had even a *brief* run in WWE! ... Shocked and disappointed the fans by aligning with Vince Russo ... Won the title in a ferocious three-way contest against Jeff Jarrett and Raven ... Styles has been the number-one breakout sensation of NWA-TNA ... Has also held the World Wrestling All-Stars cruiserweight title and the NWA Wildside heavyweight titles ... Defeated Xavier and Red in the 2002 Super 8 tourney, but lost to Donovan Morgan in the finals ... Was offered a WWE developmental deal last year, but politely declined, citing family reasons ... “If they want me today, hopefully they’ll want me even more tomorrow,” Styles said at the time... Signed with NWA-TNA and immediately won the X division title ... Had a series of classic matches against Jerry Lynn ... In the midst of their feud, Styles and Lynn still managed to capture the NWA tag title ... Larry Zbyszko mistook Styles’ confidence for arrogance and challenged Styles to a match ... Styles won, and in turn earned the respect of “The Living Legend” ... Feuded with Raven over the number-one contender position ... Lost to Raven in a bloody contest in April ... Styles is the heir apparent to Jeff Jarrett as the franchise player of NWA-TNA ... Also frequently wrestles for NWA Wildside and Ring of Honor ... Styles’ finisher is a cross between a pedigree and a piledriver ... Shooting Styles’ press is simply breathtaking ... You have to wonder if WWE wishes it had made him a more lucrative offer when it had the chance.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Styles is already the kingpin of TNA, and has built a strong underground following through ROH and NWA Wildside. He’s the darling of the Internet crowd as well, and he caught the eye of WWE even before he became a star in TNA and ROH. In short, it’s good to be A.J. Styles. The Georgia native has things pretty good right now, but being in cahoots with Russo is sure to cause some resentment among others in the locker room, and it would be nice to see Styles stand on his own merits as NWA champ and not risk being overshadowed by Vinny Ru. Not that Styles should be concerned with winning popularity contests at this point in his career. He just has to be aware that there are plenty of people who would like nothing more than to knock him down a peg, especially if the NWA title is on the line as well. Styles really showed his mental toughness and intestinal fortitude against Raven, and again vs. Jarrett. With new talent always arriving in TNA, he’s going to have to at his absolute best if he wants to keep his title. Frankly, we think he’d be better off without Russo, but we can’t argue with his results—he’s the champ. And he could be for some time to come.

Brutal Styles clash for Sonny Siaki



12 JOHN CENA (6'3", 260, 3, 46)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 12:

It was a brash move to be sure, but John Cena issued an open challenge to the winner of the Kurt Angle-Brock Lesnar match at WrestleMania XIX ... After Lesnar won, Cena refused to back down, publicly calling out the new champion and luring him into a backstage sneak-attack courtesy of The Big Show and A-Train ... Cena got his title match at Backlash and even heard a few cheers, but he failed to take Lesnar’s title ... He hasn’t been offered many rematches since that bout, however ... Cena made the fans see past his white boy rapper gimmick by manhandling Rikishi on *Smackdown* ... As The Prototype, Cena was a dominant champion in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... In his first televised WWE match, he nearly upset Kurt Angle ... Has added a great deal of muscle to his frame since joining WWE and it has helped his game significantly ... Even though he lost at Backlash, his career still seems to be on the upswing, and more title matches are sure to come ... Carried Chuck Palumbo and Johnny Stamboli to a win over Brian Kendrick, Chris Benoit, and Rhyno at Judgment Day ... Still a bit green, but you can slap the future Smackdown (or perhaps Raw) champion tag on his Fubu togs now.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

You have to give Cena points for standing up to Lesnar, even if he was soundly beaten at Backlash. Honestly, Cena had nothing to lose in that match. He tested his skills against the top man in the promotion, and rather than push for rematches, he stepped away to concentrate on improving his game. Cena learned a lot about strategy from Jim Cornette during his time in OVW. He might want to consider challenging for the U.S. title and further hone his game before signing for Smackdown title matches again. Cena is probably two years away from making a serious run at either the Smackdown or Raw title. In the meantime, he can test his skills against the likes of Benoit, Rhyno, Eddie Guerrero, and Ultimo Dragon. Win or lose, he’ll learn from those opponents. He might also want to consider overhauling his gimmick in the near future as well. He doesn’t want his rap act to become a gimmick that overshadows his considerable wrestling skills, as similar personae stifled the long-term development of Ron Killings (K-Kwik), Brian Christopher (Grandmaster Sexay), and Scott Taylor (Scotty Too Hotty) in the past. All his trash-talking is doing is making him enemies, and at this stage of his development, that’s not what Cena needs. We’d like to see Cena extend his feud with The Undertaker. If he can hold his own against UT over the course of a few months, it will give him credibility in the eyes of fans and matchmakers alike. In six months, we see Cena with the U.S. (or Intercontinental) title around his waist. In 24 months, we see him as Smackdown or Raw champion.

Cena takes aim at Chavo Guerrero Jr.



13 CHRIS BENOIT (5'10", 218, 17, NL)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 13:

The only time Chris Benoit is able to get a break, it seems, is when someone is talking about his neck ... "The Crippler" seemed to win his first world championship in WCW with a win over Sid Vicious back in January 2000, but he quit the promotion later that night, and WCW matchmakers then claimed Benoit had never won the title since Vicious' foot was under the ropes during the pinfall ... After jumping to the WWF in 2000, Benoit twice seemed to win the WWF World title from The Rock, but the match was restarted both times, and Rock came back to win ... Has had much better luck with the Intercontinental title, winning that strap four times ... Won the WWE tag title with Chris Jericho in 2001 but suffered a serious neck injury and spent the better part of a year recovering from surgery and rehabbing the injury ... Returned and regained the I-C title on July 29, 2002, beating Rob Van Dam ... Lost the I-C belt back to RVD one month later ... Pinned Kurt Angle at Unforgiven ... Despite their inability to get along, Stephanie McMahon forced Benoit and Angle to become a tag team, and the odd couple pairing won the Smackdown tag title on October 20 at No Mercy ... When Angle won the Smackdown title, Benoit was named top contender ... The two wrestled a classic match at the 2003 Royal Rumble, with Angle just narrowly coming out on top ... Both men received a standing ovation after the match, and Benoit was moved to tears ... Teamed with Brock Lesnar to beat Angle, Charlie Haas, and Shelton Benjamin at No Way Out ... In recent months, he has been teaming with Rhyno, but the team has shown signs of strain ... Knowing Benoit, he's probably getting frustrated that he came so close to the big title once again, yet has quickly dropped out of contention.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

The easy answer would be to say Benoit is going to turn against Rhyno and go back to being a heel, especially since that style seems to suit him best anyway. We get the feeling, however, that Benoit is waiting to see how the Smackdown championship situation shakes out. If Lesnar can keep the title despite challenges from The Big Show and Angle, Benoit most likely will attack Rhyno and go back to breaking rules. That move would likely catapult him back into the title picture. If either Show or Angle comes out with the title, Benoit knows it will be easier to get title shots if he's a fan favorite. Basically, he's in a holding pattern right now. Either way, Benoit is going to make another run for the Smackdown title in the near future. He's had trouble closing the deal in big matches in the past, but we expect Benoit's luck to change this time around. Benoit will be the Smackdown champion within six months, maybe only briefly, but he will deserve it.

The Crippler crossface subdues Angle

14 EL HIJO DEL SANTO (5'6", 180, 21, 21)

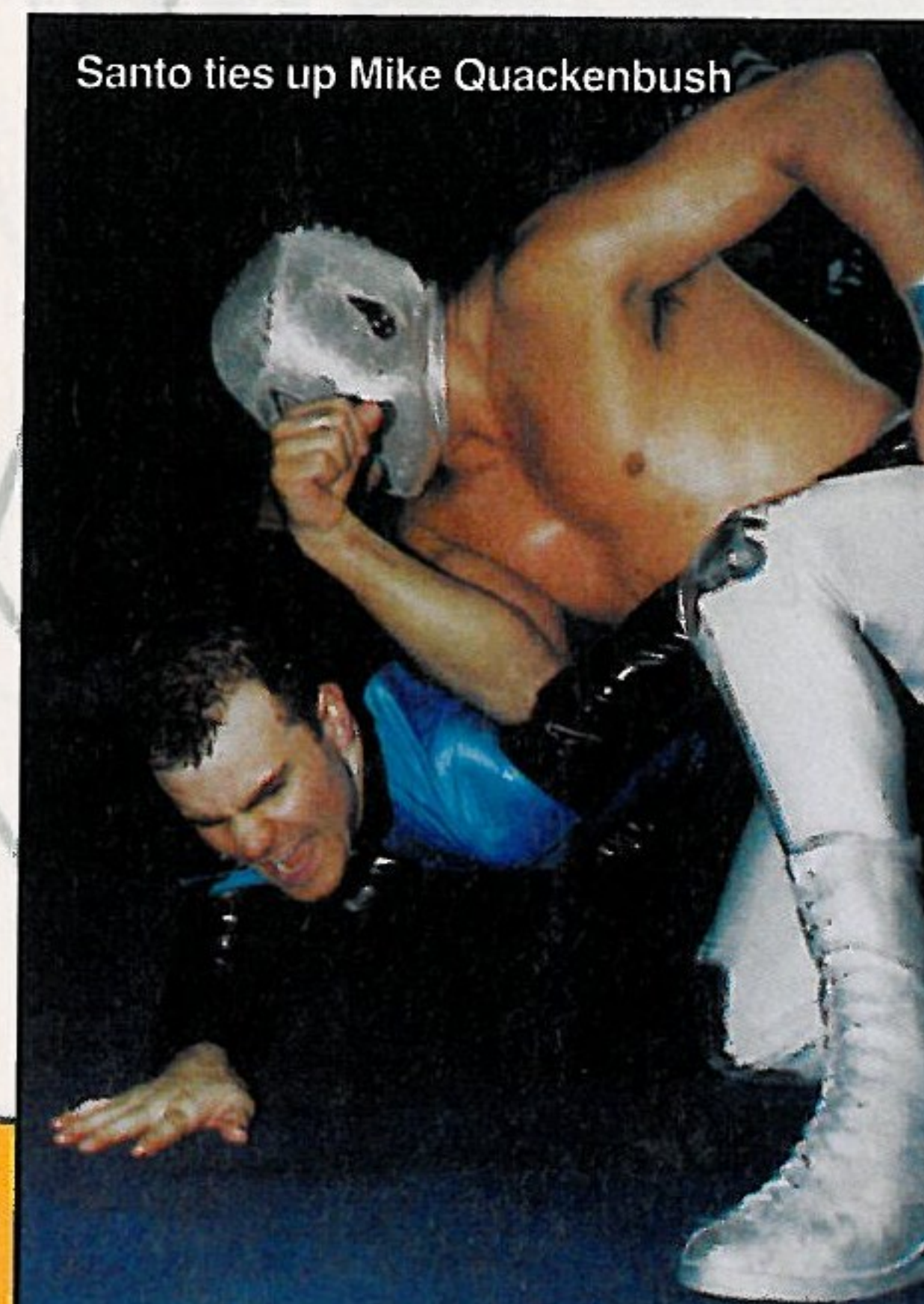
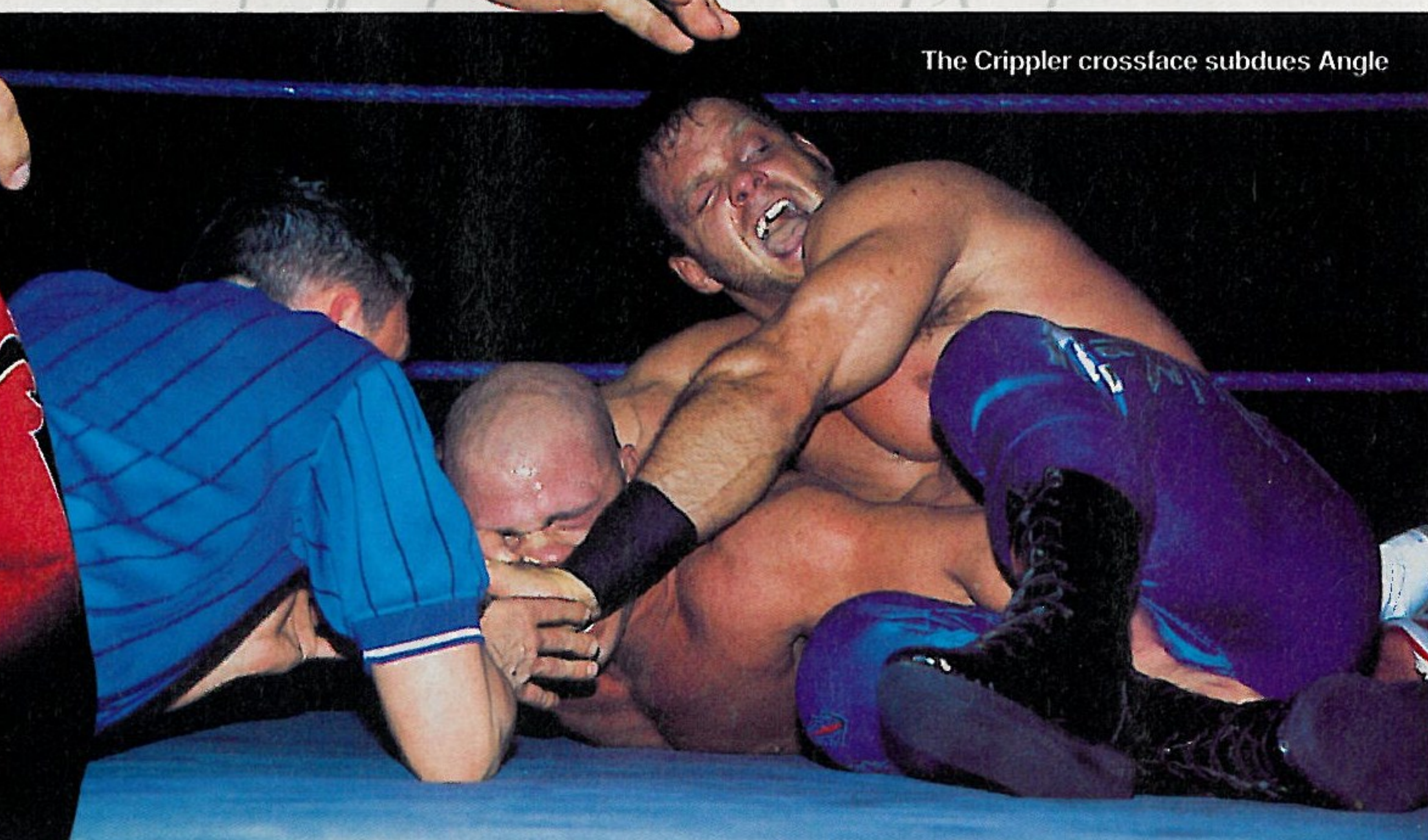
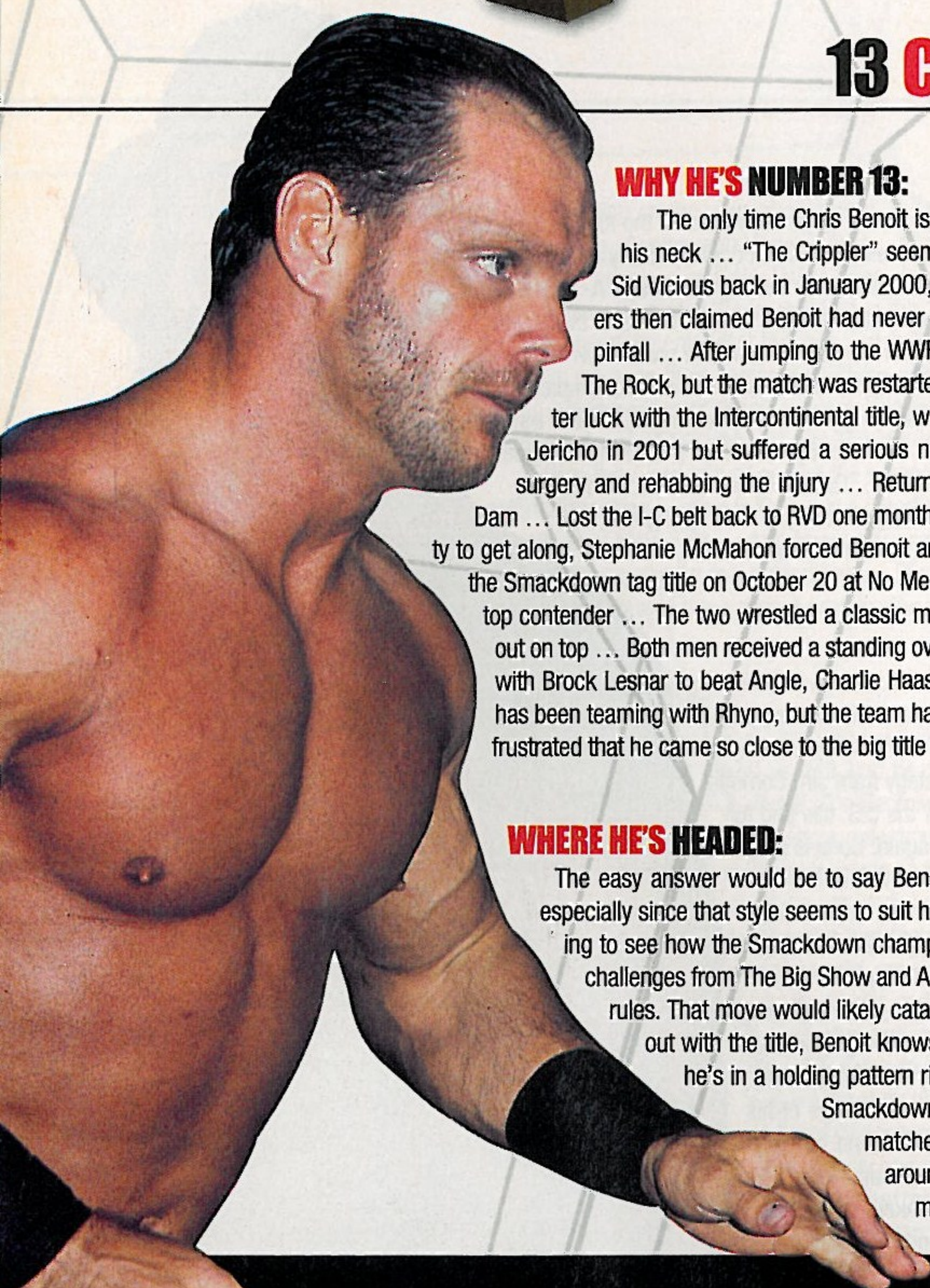
WHY HE'S NUMBER 14:

The son of the legendary El Santo is still Mexico's most in-demand performer, as well as its most popular *tecnico* ... Also known as El Enmascarado de Plata ("The Man In The Silver Mask") and El Heredero de la Leyenda de Plata ("The Heir Of The Silver Legend") ... Silver mask with teardrop-shaped eyes is the most famous mask in Lucha Libre, and is the same one his father wore for years ... Has defended his mask in countless mask vs. mask matches, and has managed to retain it every time ... El Hijo del Santo's repertoire is remarkably similar to his father's, but the son is quicker and has come to be known as the more technically sound of the two ... El Hijo del Santo also is a nephew of wrestlers Black Guzman and Pantera ... His legendary status allows him to work for competing promotions EMLL and AAA without incident, as well as all the independents vying for dominance in Tijuana ... Alternately feuds and teams with Negro Casas—the two have been rivals for a decade ... Challenges to meet Ultimo Guerrero in a mask vs. mask match have gone unanswered ... The 40-year old Luchador is a seven-time WWA welterweight champion and has won several welterweight and lightweight titles in various Mexican promotions ... Rarely appears outside of Mexico, but has occasionally surfaced in Japan and the United States ... Prefers to use *el caballo*, a camel clutch variation that was passed down to him from El Santo ... Also known for his flying somersault headbutt and over-the-shoulder sunset flip ... Though he usually competes as a *tecnico* (babyface), he has competed as a *rudo* (heel) in the past ... While his might never become quite the household name his father's was in Mexico, El Hijo del Santo has had a fantastic career and is a legendary wrestler in his own right.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

El Hijo del Santo can pretty much write his own ticket south of the border, but don't expect him to show up in the U.S. anytime soon, at least not for more than a date or two. When he started wrestling, El Hijo del Santo did so to pay tribute to his father. Headlining WrestleMania has never been one of his true career goals. El Hijo del Santo has been a credit to The Saint's legacy, and he will continue either until he retires on his own terms or until he loses his beloved mask. It's highly unlikely that he ever will be unmasked, though his 1996 heel turn also seemed impossible at the time. In terms of ring skills, drawing power, and ability to remain on top, El Hijo del Santo is the most important wrestler in Mexico of the past two decades. He's coming to the end of a great career.

Santo ties up Mike Quackenbush



15 JEFF JARRETT (5'10", 230, 17, 24)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 15:

Surprised just about everyone by successfully holding off Raven's challenge for his NWA heavy-weight title before ultimately dropping the championship to A.J. Styles ... Second-generation wrestler made his pro debut in 1986 and has won titles in almost every promotion in which he has competed ... By our count, as of this writing, Jarrett had won a total of 16 different championships for 58 separate reigns ... He likes to claim the name Jarrett "is synonymous with wrestling heritage" ... Shocked the wrestling world when he ignored territorial boundaries and challenged then-Intercontinental champion Bret Hart to a match while Jarrett was wrestling in the USWA in 1992 ... Hart agreed, but the match never came about, as the "Hitman" soon lost the belt ... As the country-singing "Double J," Jarrett won six I-C titles and the WWF World tag title (with Owen Hart) ... Beat Barry Windham to win the vacant NWA North American title in 1997—in a match promoted by the WWF ... Won the WCW U.S. title twice ... Won a remarkable four WCW World championships in less than three months in 2000 ... About a year after WWE's acquisition of WCW, Jeff and Jerry Jarrett announced they were assembling investors to back a new promotion (NWA-TNA) ... Few people thought a PPV-only promotion could ever work ... Defeated Ron "The Truth" Killings for the NWA title on November 20, 2002, after interference by Vince Russo (as Mr. Wrestling III) ... Despite winning all those championships (and the underhanded ways he won many of them), Jarrett rarely received much credit from fans and peers ... Was criticized by some for not defending the NWA title enough, but most of his defenses were highly anticipated ... After weeks of buildup, Jarrett walked into his April 30, 2003, title defense against Raven and still walked out with the title belt ... "You'd have to kill me to take this belt away," a blood-soaked Jarrett said to reporters following the match ... Less than three weeks later, Jarrett beat Sting to unify the NWA title with the World Wrestling All-Stars title ... Finally started to get his due as a credible champion, then lost the gold to Styles, thanks to Russo's interference ... His stroke finisher has developed into one of the most effective maneuvers in the sport.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Considering Jarrett is also a minority owner of NWA-TNA, it's pretty safe to assume he'll remain in the main event mix in that promotion and will never be a threat to jump to WWE. Jarrett is a tremendous in-ring asset for TNA as it slowly reaches out to grow its audience. Jarrett has plenty of name recognition among fans and has a vested interest in the promotion's success. He's also a very competent wrestler and has shown he can excel both as a heel and a fan favorite, although he's having a hard time figuring out which one he is these days. Considering his penchant for winning championships, Jarrett is almost a lock to regain the NWA title at some point. He could also look into wrestling some matches in Japan and perhaps Ring of Honor to scout new talent and increase brand awareness of TNA. Along with Styles and Raven, he will remain one of the building blocks of TNA in 2003.

Jarrett jumps on Syxx-Pac



16 SHINYA HASHIMOTO (5'11", 287, 19, 52)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 16:

At nearly 300 pounds, Hashimoto is both literally and figuratively one of the biggest names in *puroresu* ... The reigning All-Japan Triple Crown champion is known for his powerful, accurate kicks, as well as his incredible strength ... Defeated Keiji Muto to win the prestigious Triple Crown in February ... Has overpowered such behemoths as Vader, Bam Bam Bigelow, and Steve Williams, making him one of the most powerful wrestlers in any country ... Broke into wrestling along with Keiji Muto and Masa Chono in the mid-1980s in the greatest rookie crop in *puroresu* history ... Originally considered a career as a sumo wrestler, but found *puroresu* more to his liking ... Hashimoto is a three-time former IWGP heavyweight champion ... His matches with Nobuhiko Takada in the 1990s set Japanese wrestling attendance records that still stand today ... Hashimoto briefly held the NWA heavyweight title before losing it to former UFC champion Dan Severn ... His matches against Severn were incredibly stiff, and took a heavy toll on both competitors ... Has made brief American tours and dominated the competition he has faced ... Hashimoto is the top star for Japan's Zero-One promotion, in addition to holding the All-Japan Triple Crown ... Frequently teams with Naoya Ogawa, a judo star and former rival dating back to Hashimoto's days with New Japan Pro Wrestling ... He and Ogawa have feuded with Hiroyoshi Tenzan and powerhouse Scott Norton ... Noted for his brutal brainbuster and leaping DDT, both of which are feared finishing maneuvers.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Like Muto, Hashimoto is still near the top of his game, but he's headed toward the end of a glorious career. Unlike Muto, Hashimoto's power-based attack has saved a lot of wear and tear on his knees and back, but his penchant for stiff matches has also taken a toll. As Triple Crown champion, Hashimoto holds the arguably the most important championship in Japan, so he's certainly not falling apart. The question is how long can Hashimoto keep balancing All-Japan and Zero-One? He still maintains an ambitious match schedule in both promotions, and he might be wearing himself thin. For that reason, we don't foresee his Triple Crown reign lasting much longer. He can still remain a viable contender to any title in his homeland, but at this stage of his career, he would be better suited to more tag team competition. As an established veteran, he can work with younger talent and help them graduate from mid-card to main event status. Hashimoto has had some shootfighting experience, and he might want to consider signing for a few big paydays in mixed martial arts competition. He's the type of wrestler that could excel in that type of event. He would represent wrestling very well, and that would add even more prestige to the Triple Crown.

Hashimoto smashes Dan Severn with a kick



17 MATT HARDY (6', 213, 9, 25)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 17:

Matt Hardy Version 1.0's star has continued to shine long after his brother Jeff's seems to have fallen from the skies ... With his Mattitude Followers and Matt Facts, Hardy has become one of the most entertaining wrestlers in WWE ... Hardy had a very good showing in the 2003 Royal Rumble, as he used Shannon Moore's help to ward off numerous elimination attempts ... Had a little bit of trouble making weight to compete for the cruiserweight title, but the weight loss didn't seem to affect him much ... Captured the cruiserweight title from Billy Kidman at No Way Out and dominated Kidman in their ensuing feud ... Hardy had the biggest test of his career at WrestleMania XIX when he defended the title against Rey Mysterio Jr. ... Despite entering the match as a clear-cut underdog, Hardy survived the Luchador's challenge and pinned him while holding on to the ropes ... He has learned to pace himself much better since becoming a singles competitor. He used to attack opponents with reckless abandon, and frequently got caught as a result ... He's finally learned that you don't get any extra points for pretty moves. Sometimes a kick to the gut is just as effective as a fancy dive off the top ... Though he's still young, Hardy already has almost a decade's worth of pro experience, including tag contests against powerhouse tandems ... While he's probably too small to seriously contend for the Smackdown championship, Hardy is firmly ensconced in the mid-card ranks of WWE and should be ready to pursue the U.S. title.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

We get the feeling Matt doesn't really think of himself as a cruiserweight. That's part of the reason why he made such a big deal of dropping weight in order to compete for the title. Part of it might be ego, but it's also sound strategy for Hardy to avoid being typecast as a cruiser. When the Intercontinental, European, and hardcore titles were eliminated, Hardy had to set his sights on something. By getting his hand raised at WrestleMania—especially over the world's hottest cruiserweight, Mysterio—Hardy showed that his career is still very much on the rise. With the U.S. title having been reactivated this summer, Hardy will have a little more to shoot for in the coming months. The level of competition will increase dramatically. Is he set to take on Chris Benoit, Kurt Angle, and Eddie Guerrero? One thing he definitely should *not* do is go back to being a tag team wrestler. Hardy has come too far to regress back into old, comfortable, safe habits. It's time for him to push himself to the next level. If he waits too long, he will fall into the same cruiserweight rut that has trapped Kidman, Jamie Noble, and others. And he should really consider upgrading to Version 2.0.

Hardy rams into Rikishi



18 THE UNDERTAKER (6'9", 304, 15, 2)

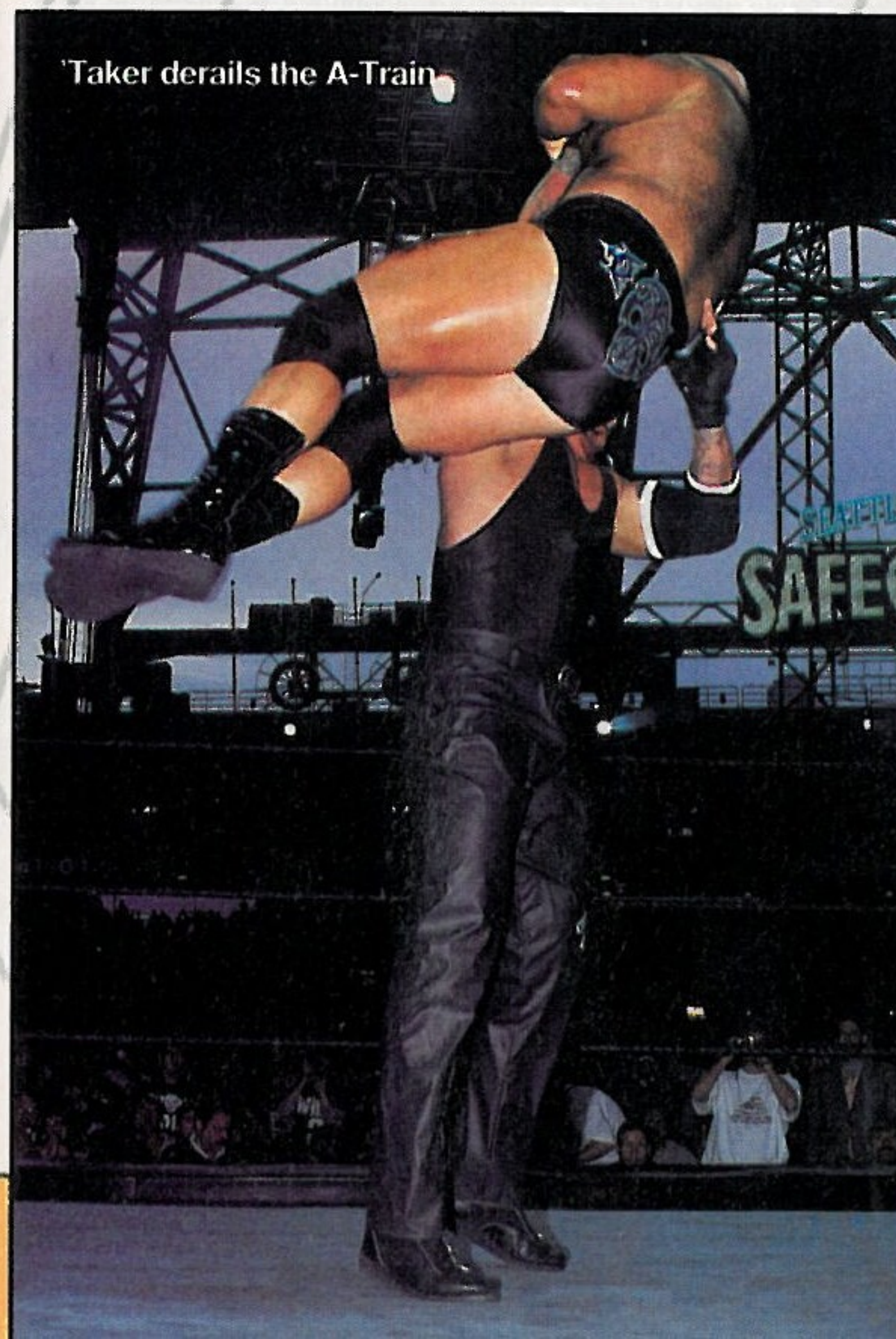
WHY HE'S NUMBER 18:

The Undertaker had been out nursing injuries for the past few months, and even though he has dropped 16 spots, what he accomplished since last year's "500" is truly impressive ... Put the emphasis on *American* in "American Badass" when he made short work of Test and The UnAmericans in the summer of 2002 ... Was the first real test for Brock Lesnar after Lesnar won the Smackdown title, going to a double-DQ with Lesnar at Unforgiven ... In a rare lapse of judgment, allowed his pregnant wife, Sara, to get near Lesnar and Paul Heyman, ratcheting up his feud with Lesnar to a more personal level ... Pushed Lesnar to his absolute limit in a bloody "Hell In A Cell" match at No Mercy ... Was the last man eliminated at the 2003 Royal Rumble, by Lesnar, as bad luck would have it ... 'Taker gave Brock his respect and feuded with The Big Show ... Surprised The Big Show with a triangle choke straight out of the Ultimate Fighting Championships to win at No Way Out ... Extended his winning streak at WrestleMania to a phenomenal 11-0, setting a record that almost certainly will never be matched, by defeating Show and A-Train in a tag match that became a handicap match ... Suffered a surprising loss to John Cena, but only after The Full-Blooded Italians administered a gangland-style beatdown ... Until the day he hangs up the boots, 'Taker will be considered by many to be the man to beat in WWE.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

As The Undertaker himself might say, "Anywhere he damn well wants to go." Conventional wisdom said UT wouldn't be able to compete with the younger, faster, stronger studs in today's WWE. It really looked at times like UT should have walked away years ago. Yet 'Taker has proven that his heart is still in wrestling. He revamped his image, came back from an assortment of injuries, and regained the WWE World title in 2002. It would be premature to say his days at the top are over. For the foreseeable future, UT will always be one match away from the Smackdown title. However, he seems to be enjoying his current role as a veteran working with younger talent. He served as Nathan Jones' mentor, and there might very well be another chapter to that saga. Right now, 'Taker is the man all up-and-coming Smackdown heels must beat to be taken seriously. He's a main-event spoiler and an unrepentant butt-kicker. He'll most likely continue on in that role for the time being, but if he's needed to provide a spark for the main event picture, he'll always be ready to go.

Taker derails the A-Train



19 REY MISTERIO JR. (5'3", 163, 12, 58)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 19:

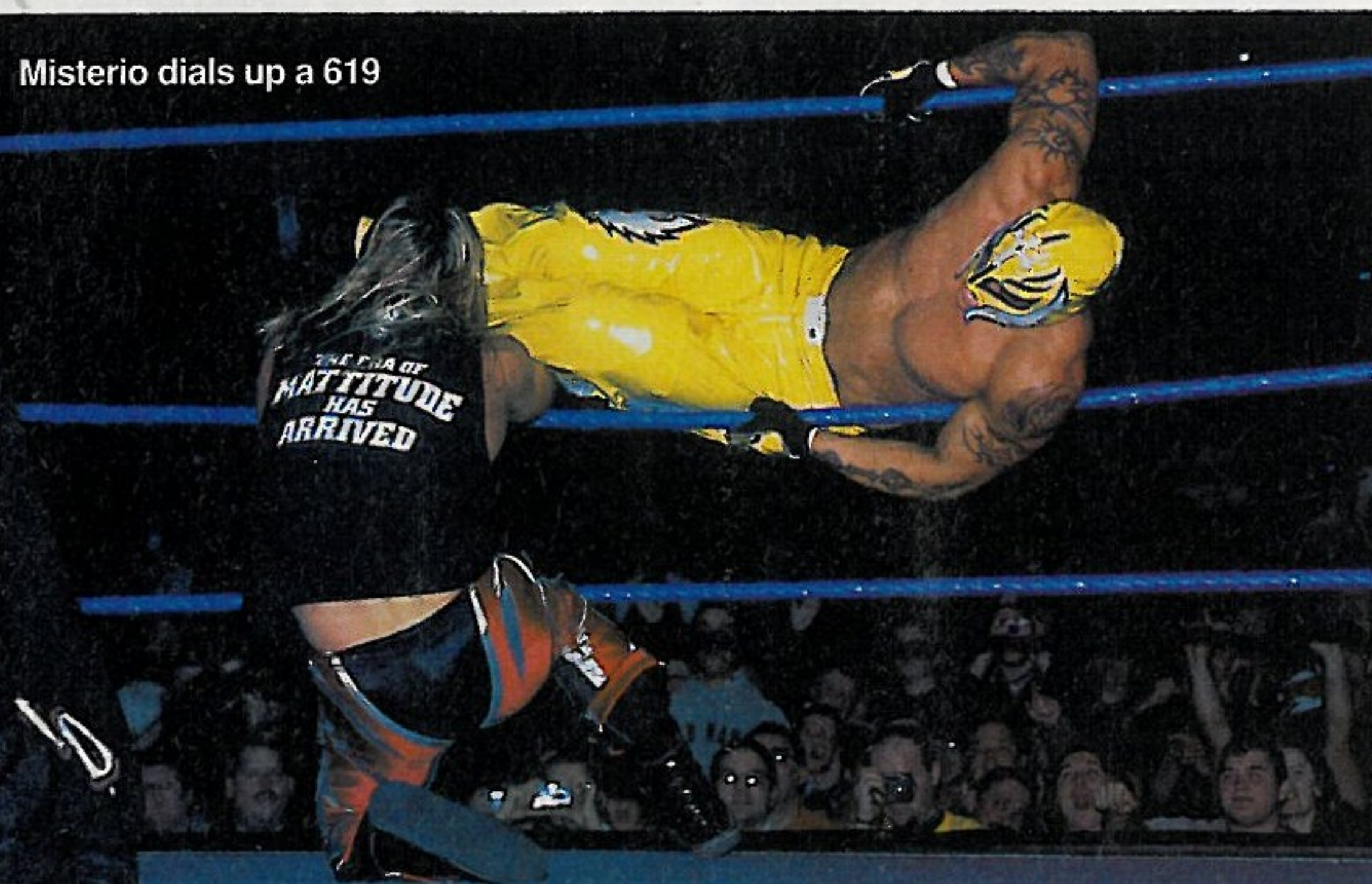
Rey Misterio Jr. was one of the most influential wrestlers of the 1990s and spearheaded the Lucha Libre invasion that revolutionized American wrestling ... Because of his enormous success in WCW, Misterio will be the measuring stick by which future high-flyers will be compared for years to come ... Finally made his debut in WWE last summer and quickly became one of the most popular stars on the Smackdown roster ... Despite previously losing his mask both in WCW and Mexico, Misterio wisely brought back the hood when he entered WWE ... The masks and his luminescent blue contact lenses helped bring some of the mystery back to the character ... Thrills fans with the West Coast pop huracanrana and the awesome 619 swinging kick to the head ... Had an opportunity to win the cruiserweight title on the grand stage of WrestleMania XIX, but came up short in his match against Matt Hardy ... Misterio must have blamed his Daredevil-style 'Mania duds for the loss, as he hasn't worn them since.

Must be superstitious ... Finally won the belt later in the spring ... Teamed with Edge to win the Smackdown tag title from Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit in November, but they lost the gold 12 days later to Eddie and Chavo Guerrero ... Eliminated Christopher Nowinski at the Royal Rumble, but was then dumped by Chris Jericho ... Was involved in a scary incident at Backlash when The Big Show repeatedly choke-slammed him and then slammed him against a ringpost while he was strapped to a stretcher ... Landed awkwardly and was very lucky to avoid serious injury ... Was the first wrestler to welcome Ultimo Dragon to Smackdown, and fans and wrestling journalists alike are virtually salivating over the prospects of a series of matches between them.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Rey Misterio is right where he should be. He's the dominant cruiserweight wrestler on the Smackdown side, and he's already shown the fans he's more than just a cruiserweight. In his first real WWE feud, Misterio battled no less a wrestler than Kurt Angle. The Angle-Misterio feud culminated at SummerSlam 2002 (with an Angle win via submission), but continued in a different incarnation when Rey Rey and Edge wrestled Angle and Benoit for the Smackdown tag title in the fall. Their match at No Mercy was voted third runner-up in the 2002 PWI Match of the Year balloting. In his feud with Show, Misterio demonstrated he's willing to wrestle against any opponent, regardless of size. By initially facing such a varied array of opponents, Misterio won over new fans and wiped away any doubts about whether or not a 163-pound man could competitively compete in the size-obsessed WWE. Now that he's made his statement, Misterio can focus on doing what he does best—competing as a cruiserweight and dominating that division. In the coming year, we can look forward to clashes between Misterio and the Guerreros, Dragon, Spanky, Hardy, and maybe even Zach Gowen. He should continue to be an integral part of Smackdown.

Misterio dials up a 619



20 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS (6', 210, 10, 57)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 20:

"The Fallen Angel" maintains a reputation as the most accomplished independent wrestler in the business today, but with the growth of NWA-TNA and Ring of Honor, he keeps getting closer to the mainstream ... Daniels currently is a part of the Sports Entertainment Xtreme (SEX) clique in TNA ... Known for his crisp execution of moves and fluid chain wrestling ... Pinned Matt Hardy in the 1999 Super 8 Tournament ... Has toured Japan several times for both Michinoku Pro and New Japan ... Won several singles titles throughout North America and Europe ... Won the British Commonwealth junior heavyweight title from Minoru Fujita while in Japan ... Has also held Puerto Rico's WWC tag team title ... Usually competes as Curry Man in Japan ... In 2000, he won both the Super 8 and the annual King of the Indies tournament ... Had a short stint in WCW but was released as a cost-cutting measure ... Signed with TNA in June 2002 ... Weeks later, he beat Danny Doring in a four-way match to win the NWA Florida title ... Won the Ring of Honor tag team title with Donovan Morgan on September 21, 2002 ... Is the leader of The Prophecy in ROH ... Formed an impressive tag team with Low-Ki in TNA ... He and Low-Ki defeated Chris Harris and James Storm for the NWA tag title on March 12 ... Was awarded the NWA tag title once again when he beat The Amazing Red and Jerry Lynn by disqualification in a handicap match on May 7 ... He later chose Elix Skipper as his partner (they lost the tag belts back to Harris and Storm in June) ... His favorite finishing moves are the Angel's wings and the last rites.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Daniels might be the most well-rounded and well-traveled indy wrestler on the circuit. He could pursue a spot in WWE if he so chooses, but at what cost? Would WWE want to tone down or change his character? It's very likely. Daniels already outshines quite a few WWE performers in terms of mat work, aerial abilities, and promo skills. Given his smallish frame, would he get a chance to wrestle high on the card, or be relegated to a forgettable undercard role? He might be wise to stick with his current strategy and continue to build himself up in TNA. He might just have what it takes to win A.J. Styles' NWA championship. As the top man in TNA, he would command a bigger paycheck and have more leverage should he attempt to jump to WWE. Daniels could become the top heel in TNA in the next year. He already has the charisma and the skills. All he needs is an opportunity.

Daniels knocks down A.J. Styles



21 THE HURRICANE (6'1", 210, 12, 26)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 21:

Despite his goofy gimmick, Gregory Helms is one of the most talented cruiserweights in the United States ... Has added a new element to his game by incorporating a variation of Keiji Muto's shining wizard into his repertoire ... Unfortunately for him, another one of his signature maneuvers—the devastating vertebreaker—has been outlawed by WWE ... Hurricane is a huge fan of Japanese *puroresu*, and he's always reviewing tapes looking for exciting new moves and countermoves ... Teamed with Kane to win the WWE Raw tag team title from Christian and Lance Storm on September 23, 2002 ... Somehow, the team never officially became known as HurriKane ... Stood by his partner when Triple-H accused "The Big Red Machine" of being a murderer and a necrophiliac, and paid for it in several showdowns with Triple-H ... They lost the tag title to Chris Jericho and Christian on October 14 ... Scored the biggest win of his career with an upset over The Rock on a pre-WrestleMania edition of *Raw* ... Various prematch segments between Rock and Hurricane were priceless, with mild-mannered interviewer Helms questioning Rock about his match strategy (among other things), and Hurricane hiding in his locker to surprise him ... Reportedly changed his WWE travel schedule so he could catch the first public screening of *The Hulk* this spring. Now that's a true superhero for you!

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Hurricane has found his niche in WWE. He's a solid mid-level performer with charisma and a popular persona. He and Kane actually had very chemistry together, and though their alliance was ill-lived, they brought back pleasant memories of 1999 Tag Team of the Year Kane and X-Pac. Tag team wrestling is an option Helms might want to consider further, and he did claim he was looking for the perfect partner as this issue was going to press. He caught a bad break by being traded to Raw from Smackdown and getting separated from the cruiserweight title scene. While his gimmick is fun and campy, it causes Helms to be typecast as merely a comedic character, which must be frustrating. He has worked too hard to be looked upon as merely the next Doink the Clown. He could focus on winning the Intercontinental title, but at just 210 pounds, he'd have to be considered a dark horse contender for even that title. The Raw title is just out of his league. Much like former partner Kane, Helms' gimmick took him to a certain level, but seems to be standing in the way of him moving beyond that level. Helms might also want to consider making a heel turn and ditching the cape and face paint. He showed a lot of promise in 2000 as "Sugar" Shane Helms in WCW. Bring back his "Sugar Babies," his Nightmare on Helms Street superkick, and—of course—the vertebreaker, and Helms could become the next Matt Hardy. If he made a change like that, we could see an Intercontinental run or two in his future.



22 RAVEN (6'1", 243, 16, 62)

WHY HE'S NUMBER 22:

It turns out that getting the boot from WWE early in 2003 actually *helped* Raven's career ... In fact, it was probably the best thing that's happened to him in years ... After a lengthy period of time on the WWE treadmill, Raven headed for, strange as this sounds, the greener pastures of the independent scene ... One of his stops was Maine Event Wrestling, where he faced the likes of Jeff Rocker and Brian Christopher, but he also made a splash in Ring of Honor ... Claimed he was teaching indy wrestlers a much-needed lesson in toughness ... Has made an even bigger splash in NWA-TNA, where he announced his intention to win the NWA title ... Managed to beat A.J. Styles in a gory match to become top contender to the championship ... Formed loose alliances with Sports Entertainment Xtreme (SEX) and Team Extreme, but claimed he wanted to beat Jeff Jarrett on his own ... Lost the highly anticipated match against Jarrett after more than a dozen wrestlers interfered ... Currently feuding with "The Franchise" Shane Douglas in TNA and C.M. Punk in ROH and elsewhere ... Was reluctant to sign a contract with TNA at one point, but now seems comfortable in the TNA Asylum ... Talented color commentator might be looking at a front office position somewhere down the road, as his extreme style has taken a heavy toll on his body ... Evenflow DDT remains an effective—and feared—finisher.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

The decision is entirely up to Raven. Even if he continues to turn in strong showings in NWA-TNA, it's unlikely that WWE will try to woo him back. And it's just as unlikely that Raven would consider returning. He claims he makes more money now than he was in WWE. And since he has made it known he is in TNA for the long haul, you can be sure he'll get more cracks at the NWA title. But at this stage, Raven seems happiest calling the shots and wrestling wherever he pleases. He's appreciated in ROH and TNA, unlike the way he was treated in WWE, where he was lucky to get matches on *Sunday Night Heat*. Raven was once a part of the WWE creative team (many years ago), as well as an announcer, so there's a good chance he will pursue interests in booking or announcing in the not-too-distant future. As for right now, Raven is a favorite to win the NWA-TNA title in either 2003 or 2004, and he should continue wreaking havoc in the indies as well. His immediate future might turn out to be somewhat reminiscent of how Shane Douglas spent the past few years, doing occasional spots for several promotions and coming and going as he pleases. That would suit Raven perfectly.

Raven's boot meets Jeff Jarrett's face



23 KANE (6'7", 326, 9, 55)

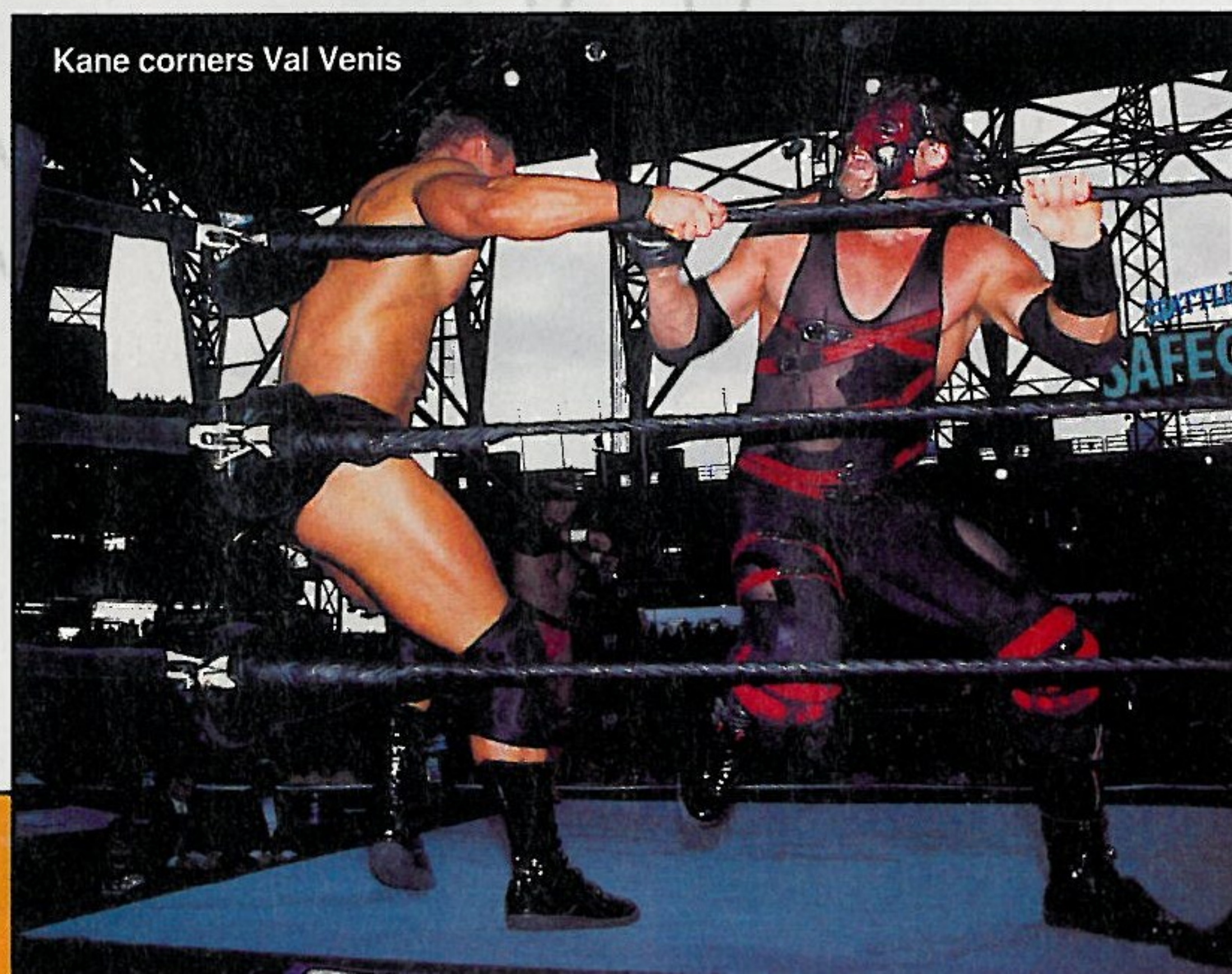
WHY'S HE'S NUMBER 23:

"The Big Red Machine" has gone through the most topsy-turvy year of his career ... Defeated Chris Jericho for the Intercontinental title in September ... Got involved in a nasty feud with Triple-H that took a very disturbing turn when Triple-H alleged that Kane was not only a murderer, but also a necrophiliac ... Though enraged at Triple-H for his comments about his old girlfriend Katie Vick, Kane was unable to beat "The Game" and lost to the Raw champion in a title unification match ... Formed tag teams with The Hurricane and Rob Van Dam and won the Raw tag title with both partners ... He and Van Dam defeated The Road Warriors on a May edition of *Raw* ... Despite their success, Kane and Van Dam struggled at times against mid-level competition, prompting Raw General Manager Steve Austin to publicly call Kane out and question whether or not "the fire still burned" ... When Kane wouldn't stand up for himself and choke-slam Austin, Austin hit him with a stunner ... Kane and Van Dam then lost the tag title to La Resistance at Bad Blood ... Following that loss, Triple-H offered Kane a position as the new enforcer in Evolution ... Austin countered the offer by granting Kane a title match instead, and Eric Bischoff went ahead and made it a mask vs. title bout ... Kane very nearly ended Triple-H's reign in the ensuing match, but again fell short, this time due to interference from Randy Orton and Ric Flair ... Kane was forced to unmask, revealing he was rather hideous-looking, but not disfigured as he had claimed for so long ... Kane has been a perennial title contender and established himself as Triple-H's most dangerous challenger to date.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

There's no doubt the unmasked Kane is entering a new phase of his career, but will it be a move for the better or the worse? In his Internet column, Kane's former manager, Paul Bearer, publicly questioned whether Kane was still a relevant character and indicated he believed the unmasking was a way of ending the character once and for all. That can't be good news for Glen Jacobs, the man behind the gimmick. Since being unmasked, Kane has been (pardon the pun) a house of fire, lashing out at everyone near him, including Austin. If he can find a way to channel that blind rage, Kane might finally get to enjoy another championship reign. But to do that, he really needs to revamp his image, much like his "half-brother," The Undertaker, did a few years back. Kane might also want to consider jumping from Raw to Smackdown, just for a change of scenery. His misunderstood monster persona has run its course and needs to be tweaked to bring back interest in the character. As he showed in his feud with Triple-H, he remains a championship-caliber competitor. He has one of the most effective choke-slams in the business, and he's still one of wrestling's most athletic big men. If he can freshen up his act, he can yet go far. If not, Kane might be wrestling on borrowed time.

Kane corners Val Venis



24 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 200, 13, 38)

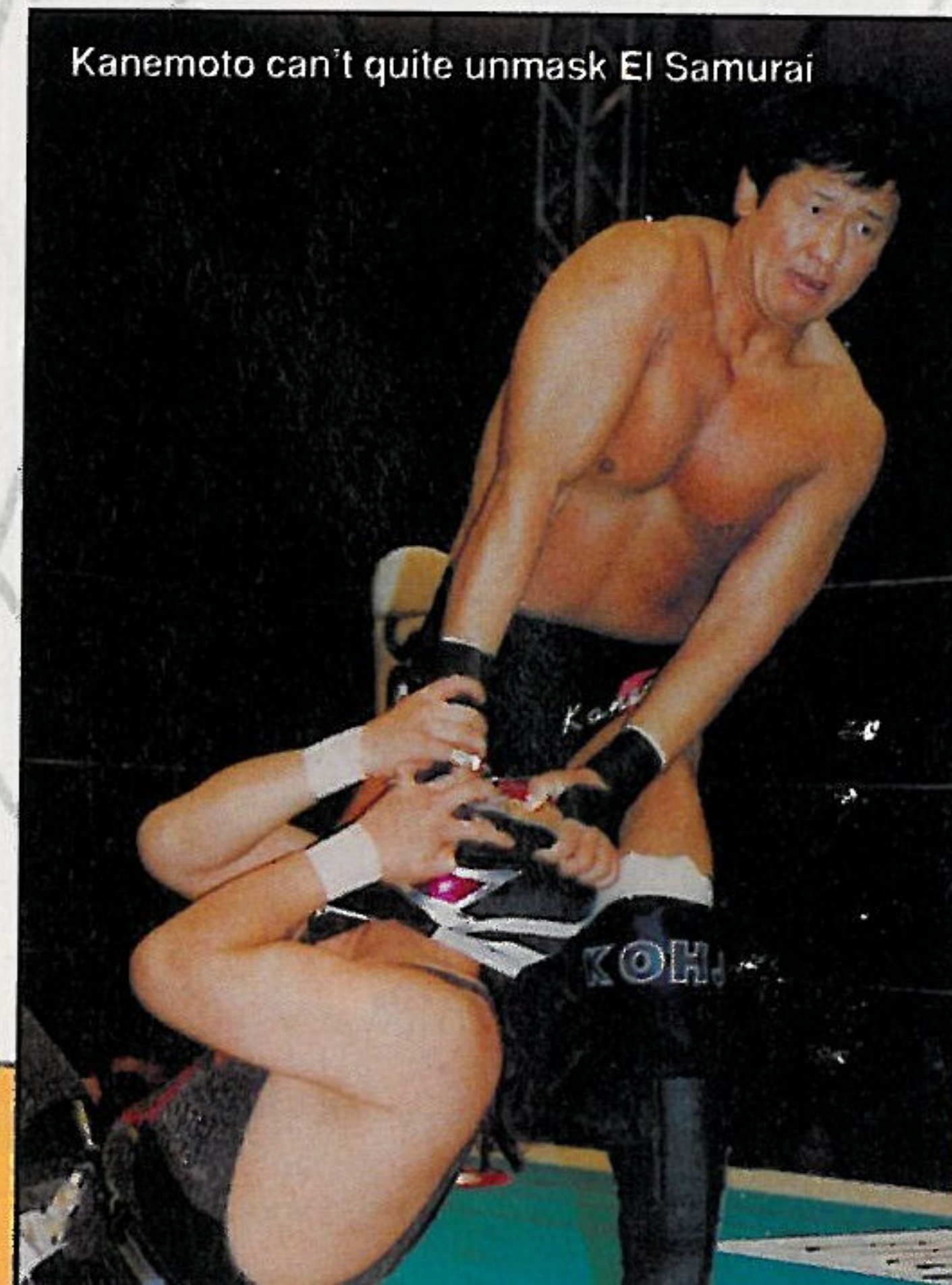
WHY HE'S NUMBER 24:

New Japan's "Junior Ace" is one of the most respected wrestlers in any weight class in Japan ... Kanemoto is widely considered to be the top cruiserweight wrestler in Japan in 2003 ... Has been plagued by injuries during the past two years, but is finally healthy and showing no ill effects from his time spent on the disabled list ... Previously wrestled as Tiger Mask, becoming the third man to wear the venerable feline mask ... Reprised the Tiger Mask role in 2002 as he teamed with Tiger Mask IV ... The Tiger team fell apart, however, when Tiger Mask IV defeated Kanemoto for the IWGP junior heavyweight title ... Besides being a former IWGP junior champ, Kanemoto held the IWGP junior tag title with Minoru Tanaka ... Briefly feuded with Eddie Guerrero last year when Guerrero was between WWE stints ... Won the 2002 Best of the Super Juniors, marking the second time he has triumphed in the prestigious tournament that established him as one of the Orient's elite cruiserweights ... Had some success as The Great Koji, his alter-ego (it's similar to the Keiji Muto-Great Muta phenomenon) ... Sometimes teams with Jushin Liger (who once was his arch-rival) in Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Broke his ties to Masa Chono's Team 2000 stable ... Likes to use high-risk flying maneuvers like the moonsault press and the twisting senton bomb from the middle rope ... Still uses the tiger suplex as his primary finishing move.

WHERE HE'S HEADED:

Kanemoto is already arguably the top cruiserweight in Japan, so he can't move much further upward. Unfortunately for him, that means he's probably going to go down. One thing he certainly must avoid is getting talked into trying his hand at shootfighting, as his counterpart Liger was last year. Liger was humiliated in that ill-advised brawl, and it only served to tarnish his otherwise sterling reputation in his homeland. Most likely, Kanemoto will continue to excel in Japan, and strive to win his third Super Junior tournament. He isn't likely to travel too far from home, so don't expect to see him competing on these shores. That's a real shame for American fans. Kanemoto is well on his way to becoming a legend in the Land of the Rising Sun, but he remains a virtual unknown among U.S. fans. Unfortunately, if a Japanese wrestler doesn't have a flashy mask or gimmick, most American promoters have little interest in bringing him to the States.

Kanemoto can't quite unmask El Samurai



25 CHARLIE HAAS (6'2", 265, 7, 134)

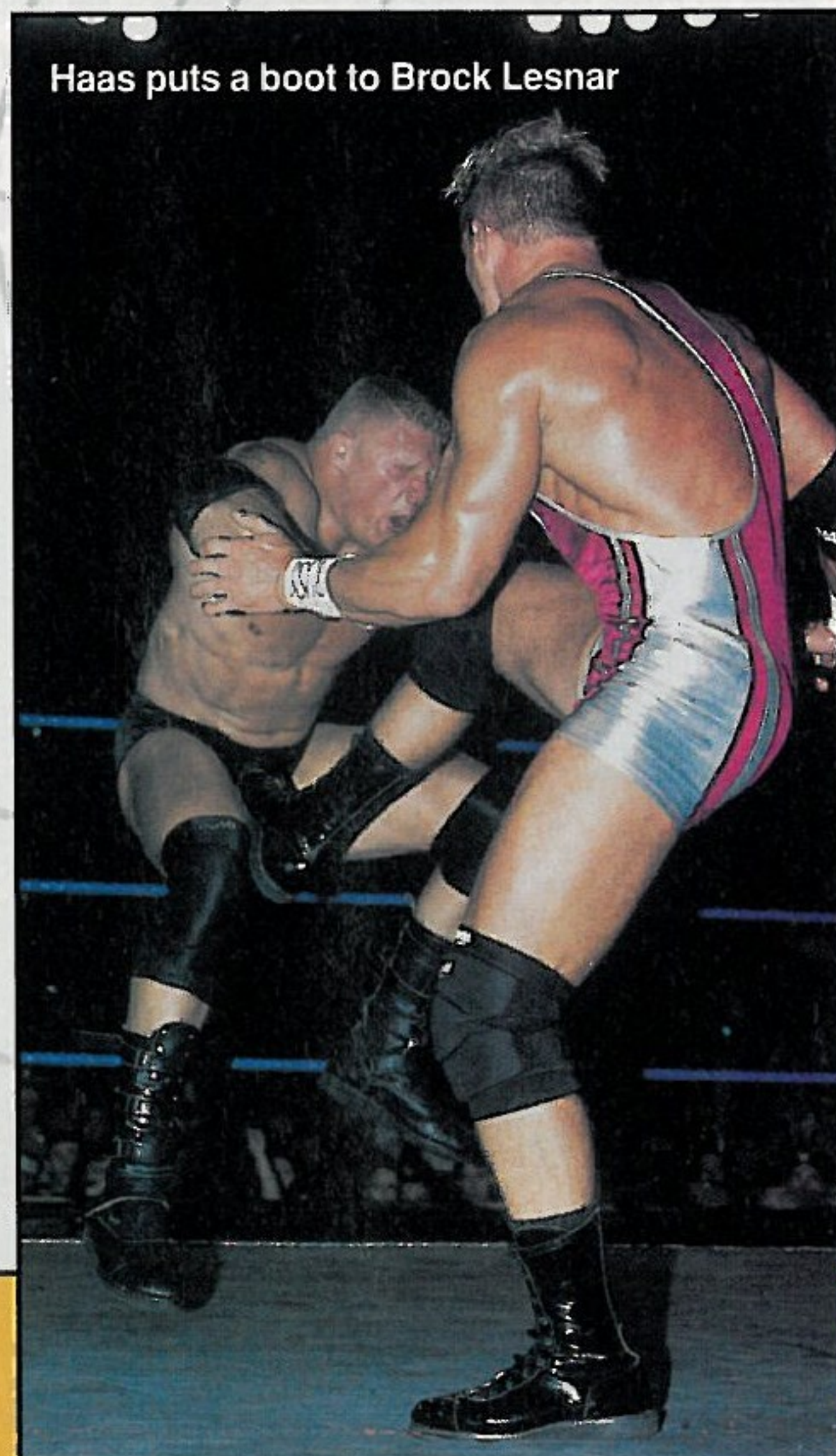
WHY HE'S NUMBER 25:

The former standout collegiate wrestler for Seton Hall University first made his mark in WWE as part of Team Angle ... Haas has shown little ill effects from the torn ACL in his right knee he suffered 18 months ago ... Has shown tremendous chemistry with fellow amateur standout Shelton Benjamin, which is somewhat surprising considering he previously had teamed almost exclusively with his brother, Russ ... Following Russ' death in December 2001, he changed his ring name to R.C. Haas to honor him ... Still pays tribute to Russ every time he wrestles by writing his brother's name on his wrist tape ... Haas has learned a lot about match pacing and psychology from working with Kurt Angle ... Haas of pain leglock is a unique and innovative finisher ... It may have been premature for Benjamin and Haas to separate from Angle in the way they did, but even without Kurt in their corner, they're a very capable tandem, and they were enjoying their second run as Smackdown tag champs at press time ... In addition to his tag team skills, Haas is brimming with singles potential ... He has looked good in exchanges with Chris Benoit and Eddie Guerrero, and once he gets a little more seasoning, he might be ready for a sustained singles push ... Haas should be a strong candidate for the U.S. title within about six months, especially if he and Benjamin can escape their feud with Angle without losing too many matches.

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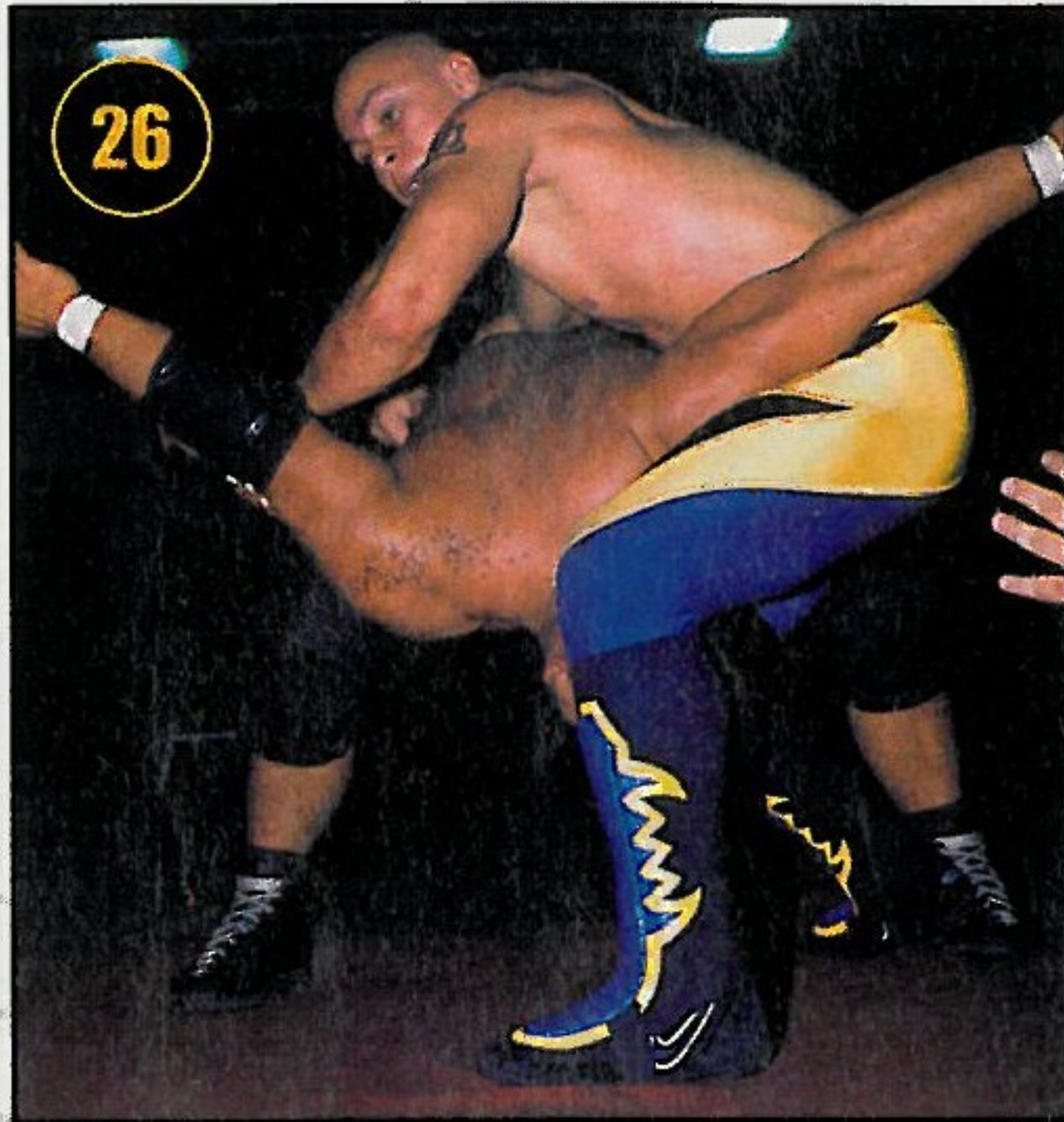
Haas certainly seems to be headed for bigger and better things. Like Angle and Brock Lesnar, he was a successful collegiate wrestler before turning pro. He has a solid, muscular build, but he's not overly muscled like Triple-H and Scott Steiner. If Haas can overcome some growing pains and continue to develop, he could be a big part of the new generation of athletic, skilled grapplers in WWE. It's worth mentioning that he has already demonstrated that he can overcome major adversity, and the powers-that-be in WWE have taken notice. The biggest question is whether he can fully adapt to the so-called WWE style of shorter, faster-paced matches once he goes solo. The inability to adapt to WWE style has hampered a number of wrestlers' careers, but Haas seems more than capable of making the transition, especially since he's already made major transitions from amateur wrestling to pro wrestling. Haas clearly is willing to learn new skills and grow beyond his comfort zone. If at all possible, he should consider wrestling some dates in Japan just to gain additional experience. Doing that helped both Benoit and Guerrero considerably. By this time next year, Haas should at least be a top contender for the U.S. title. Within the next two to three years, he could be a headliner—and possibly Smackdown champion. Those next few years will be crucial to his development as a pro.

Haas puts a boot to Brock Lesnar



26 LOW-KI

(5'7", 175, 5, 76) Defeated Jerry Lynn and A.J. Styles in a three-way match to become the NWA-TNA X champion ... Won the NWA tag team title with Christopher Daniels and Elix Skipper ... Low-Ki, Daniels, and Skipper are known as Triple-X ... They are aligned with Vince Russo's SEX faction ... Beat Spanky for the Zero-



One International junior heavyweight belt in September 2002 ... Has defended that strap against Naohiro Hoshikawa, Kid Vicious, and Tatsuhiro Takaiwa in Japan's Zero-One, as well as The Amazing Red and Quiet Storm in Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation ... Crowned the first-ever Ring of Honor champion after defeating Christopher Daniels, Doug Williams, and Spanky in a 60-minute "Ironman" match last summer ... Has held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team championship with Xavier and American Dragon ... His finishers include the Ki crusher '99 and dragon clutch submission ... Hails from Brooklyn, New York.

27 SHOCKER

(5'7", 191, 8, 16) EMLL's top *tecnico* turned his back on the fans this year and sided with the *rudos* ... Suddenly stopped battling the likes of Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Bucanero ... Now teams with his hated rivals from time to time ... Feuding with the ultra-popular Vampiro, who only recently returned to action in EMLL ... Lost his mask a few years back to partner Mr. Niebla ... Spent some time as part of Los Guapos, a team of ugly men trying to pass for models, and now recruits wrestlers to attend "University Of Guapo" ... Appears in the United States for Major League

Wrestling, and is popular on the Tijuana circuit as well, where he's battled former partner El Hijo del Santo ... Has a spectacular flying bodypress.

28 CHRISTIAN

(6'1", 225, 8, 47) Lost in the shuffle for much of 2002, but gained momentum by the end of the year ... Being a member of The Un-Americans didn't pay off for this unhappy Canadian ... Teamed with Chris Jericho to beat The Hurricane and Kane for the WWE Raw tag team title on October 20 ... They lost the belts to Booker T and Goldust in a four-way match also involving The Dudley Boyz and the team of William Regal and Lance Storm at Armageddon ... Won a battle royal consisting of former Intercontinental champions plus Booker T to claim the reactivated I-C title at Judgment Day ... That was a big upset, considering that Christian wasn't included in either WrestleMania XIX or Backlash ... Debuted a slick haircut and new clothes the following night on *Raw* ... Barely retained his belt in a disqualification loss to Booker T at Bad Blood and in a rematch a few weeks later on *Raw* ... Perhaps Christian will flourish now that

Edge is out of action, and the comparisons to his former partner will cease ... The reverse DDT is his most effective maneuver ... Also a former European champ.

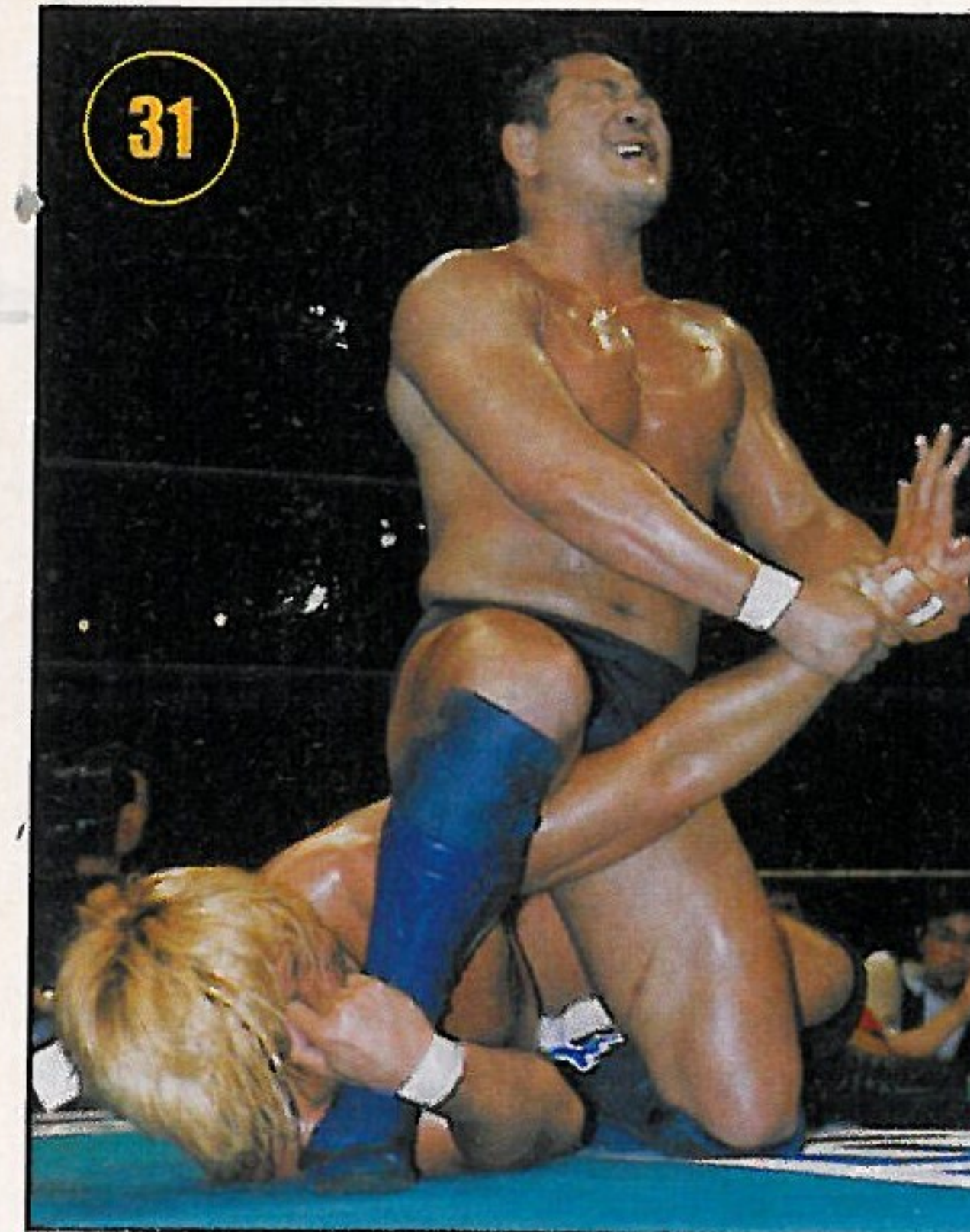
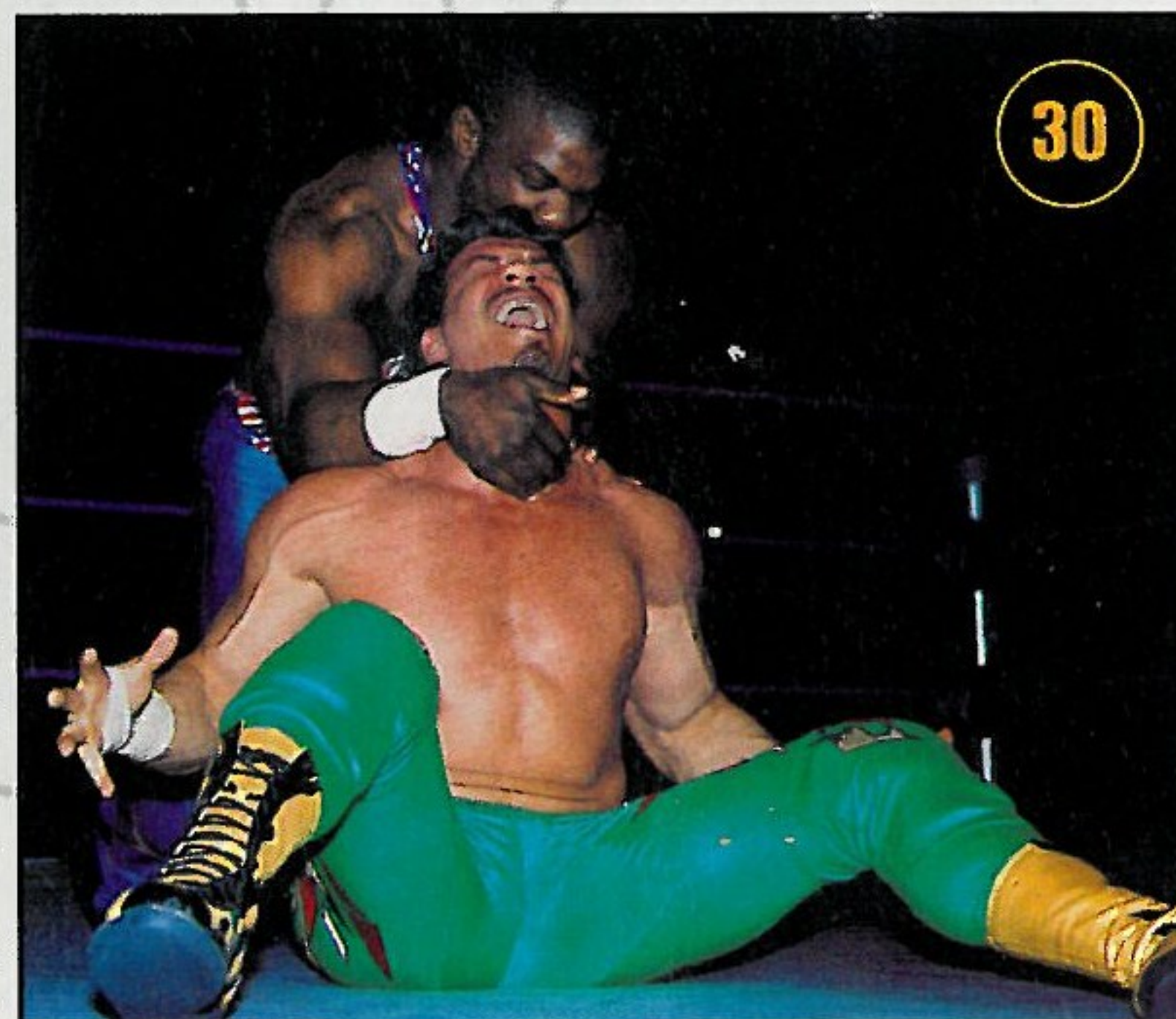
29 JERRY LYNN

(5'7", 224, 15, 45) Continues to embody the word "underrated" ... Former ECW champion had a long and exciting feud with Rob Van Dam and adopted the moniker "The New [Expletive] Show" ... Immediately won the WWF cruiserweight title but was released by the Federation before he was given much of an opportunity to showcase his skills ... His cradle piledriver was voted the best piledriver variation by a panel of experts in the 2003 "PWI Poll" ... Trained by former Olympian Brad Rheingans ... Competed as "Dynamic" Jerry Lynn early in his career in independent promotions and in Japan, and under a mask as Gorgada Cross on a tour with Michinoku Pro Wrestling ... His feud with A.J. Styles was the hottest

rivalry in NWA-TNA for months ... He and Lynn also managed to win the NWA tag title, even though they didn't get along particularly well ... The thing about Lynn is that even his enemies respect his incredible abilities ... Lost the X division title to Sonny Siaki ... Though he often seemed to be almost a mirror image of RVD during their feud, Lynn has been unable to free himself from the cruiserweight tag, while Van Dam is seen as a heavyweight contender ... Is still perceived by many as bland, and that has hampered his career.

30 SHELTON BENJAMIN

(6'2", 245, 3, 132) Enjoyed great success as the partner of Charlie Haas, considering it was his first year in WWE ... Debuted on *Smackdown* as a member of Team Angle, along with Charlie Haas and "Captain" Kurt Angle ... He and Haas served as Angle's stooge during the *Smackdown* champ's feuds with Chris Benoit and Brock Lesnar ... Then they beat Los Guerreros for the WWE *Smackdown* tag team title on February 4 in Philadelphia ... They emerged victorious in their three-way title defense against Los Guerreros and the team of Chris Benoit and Rhyno at WrestleMania XIX ... Benjamin and Haas lost the belts to Eddie Guerrero and Tajiri, who was substituting for Chavo Guerrero Jr. ... He and Haas turned against Kurt Angle after their captain returned from career-saving spinal surgery ... It was said that Benjamin and Haas were jealous of the attention Angle was receiving ... Regained the belts in July ... Known as a spirited talker behind the microphone while in Ohio Valley Wrestling, but has yet to receive much opportunity to mouth off on *Smackdown* ... A two-time wrestling All-American.



31 YUJI NAGATA

(6'1", 228, 11, 8) New Japan's technical wizard broke Shinya Hashimoto's record for number of title defenses, but lost the IWGP heavyweight championship right after his landmark win ... Won the title from Tadao Yasuda, lost it in a brutal fight with freelancer Yoshihiro Takayama, who also holds the NWF belt (a secondary New Japan title) ... Forgettable stint in WCW helped prepare him for his ascension in the NJPW ranks ... Unsuccessful venture into the world of mixed martial arts didn't help his career one bit ... One of the Orient's most consistent in-ring performers, he relies on his repertoire of hard kicks and submission holds ... Has a great Crippler crossface and a picture-perfect exploder suplex, which he learned in crossover matches with NOAH star Jun Akiyama ... Loves to force opponents to tap out to his Nagata lock II, an unusual figure-four variation.

32 SHAWN MICHAELS

(6', 217, 20, NL) Made a heroic comeback to WWE, but now seems content with a supportive role on *Raw* ... Amazed everyone with his fantastic victory over former DX pal Triple-H at SummerSlam 2002, despite his history of back and knee problems, and the fact that it was his first high-profile match since WrestleMania XIV ... Triple-H attacked Michaels with his trusty sledgehammer after the bout, putting him back on the shelf ... Didn't make another pay-per-view appearance until Survivor Series, when he captured the Raw title in a six-way "Elimination Chamber" match also involving Booker T, Rob Van Dam, Chris Jericho, Kane, and defending champ Triple-

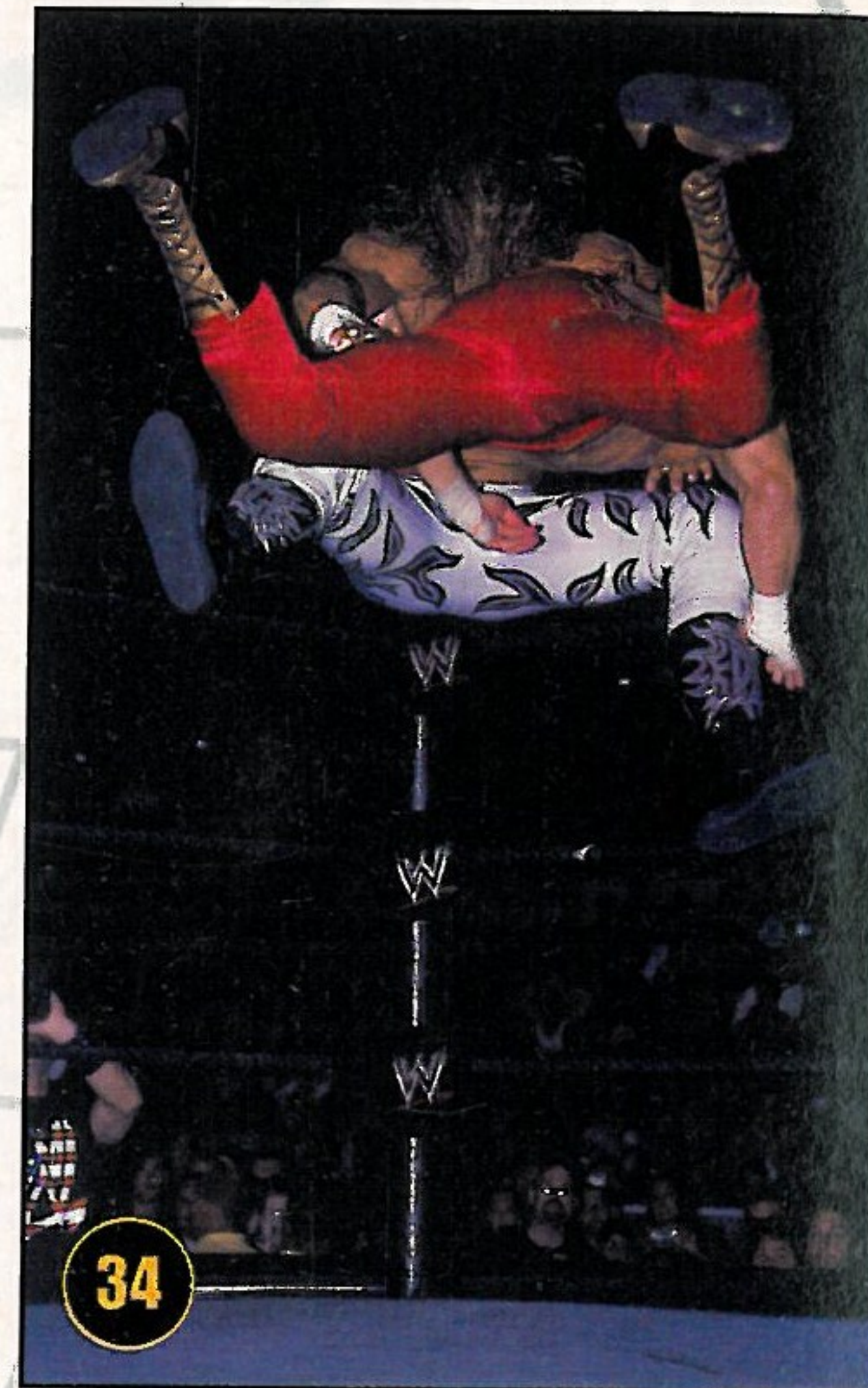
H ... Lost the belt to Triple-H in a devastatingly brutal best-of-three-falls bout, which included a streetfight, a steel cage match, and a ladder match ... His disagreement with Chris Jericho over which man was the real "Showstopper" led to Michaels' victory over Y2J at WrestleMania XIX ... Cheated out of a win by his childhood idol, Ric Flair, at Bad Blood ... Master of the superkick.

33 CHAVO GUERRERO JR.

(5'6", 210, 10, 115) Survived some career lows, including stints as a lower-tier member of the WCW/ECW Alliance and an assistant trainer on *Tough Enough*, to have one of the best years of his career ... Teamed with Uncle Eddie to beat Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit, along with defending champs Rey Misterio Jr. and Edge, for the WWE *Smackdown* tag team title at Survivor Series ... Experienced an upsurge in popularity as one-half of Los Guerreros ... The only downside is that he portrayed a bad (but surprisingly popular) ethnic stereotype in which he vowed to "lie, cheat, and steal" ... He and Eddie lost the belts to Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas on February 4 in Philadelphia ... Just when Los Guerreros seemed capable of regaining the championship, Chavo suffered a torn biceps ... Tajiri substituted for him and helped Eddie win the gold in a ladder match ... Chavo was expected to miss several more months of action as of press time ... His finishing maneuver is the tornado DDT ... A former WCW light heavyweight champ ... The son of Chavo Guerrero Sr. and grandson of Gory Guerrero.

34 EDGE

(6'4", 240, 10, 7) Seemed destined for a spot in the "PWI 500" top 10 again this year before a spinal injury put him out of action in February ... Still denied a regular main-event slot as a singles competitor on *Smackdown* shows, as he was stuck in a feud with Eddie Guerrero in the summer and fall of 2002 ... Teamed with Rey Misterio Jr. to defeat Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit for the WWE *Smackdown* tag team title on November 5 in Manchester, New Hampshire ... They held the belts for less than two weeks before losing to Los Guerreros in a three-way match also involving Kurt Angle and Chris Benoit at Survivor Series ... By early-2003, bone spurs were touching Edge's spinal cord and cutting off several nerves, leaving him with practically no strength in his left arm ... On March 10, Edge became the seventh WWE superstar to undergo vertebrae-fusion surgery ... The damage could have been the result of too



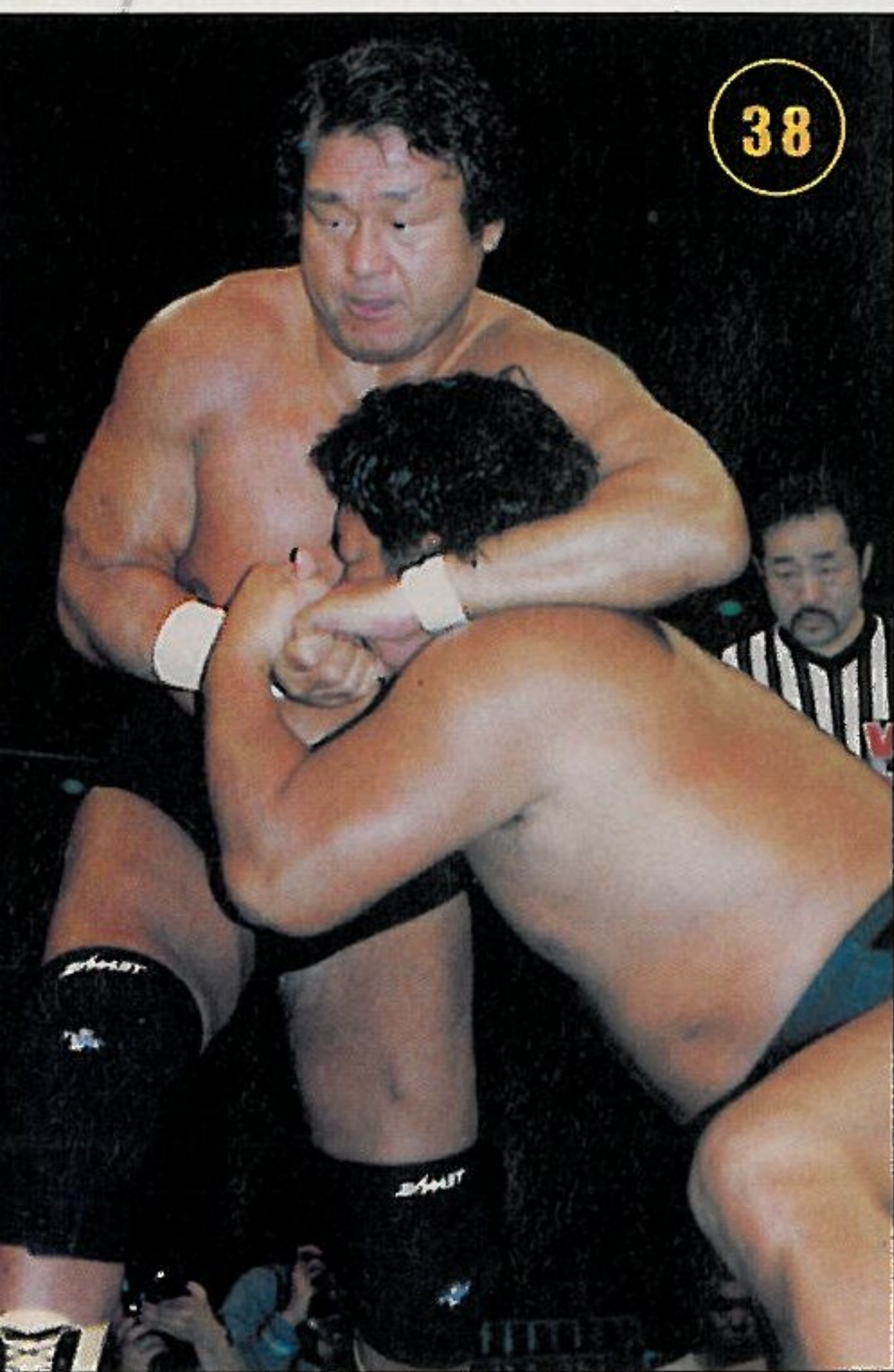
many TLC matches ... Cutting back on his use of spears might prolong his career, but Edge isn't likely to slow down his pace ... Expected to return in early-2004, and he can't wait.

35 GOLDUST

(6'5", 260, 14, 64) That *Ga-Ga-Ga @#%&* Goldust found a sick way to get heat by portraying a character with Tourette Syndrome ... Members of Evolution threw Goldust into an electrical box, resulting in plenty of sparks and his odd medical condition ... Teamed with Booker T in late-2002 and early-'03 ... Became viewed as the "weak link" of the team because his shoulders, not Booker T's, were usually down for the three-count ... At Booker's urging, Goldust went ahead with a four-way tag team match against William Regal and Lance Storm, The Dudley Boyz, and WWE Raw tag team champs Chris Jericho and Christian at Armageddon ... Goldust and Booker captured the gold ... They retained the title against Chris Jericho and Christian on the December 23 edition of *Raw* for another feel-good victory just before Christmas ... Unable to ride his partner's coattails to WrestleMania ... Had to be satisfied with being a *Sunday Night Heat* main-eventer after Booker left him to pursue his singles career ... Now feuding with Steven Richards ... Opponents fear his shattered dreams kick ... The grandson of a plumber.

36 HECTOR GARZA

(5'10", 202, 9, 29) Hated AAA *rudo* used to be one of the promotion's most popular stars ... Starting to break free of his seemingly endless feuds with the likes of Latin Lover and Heavy



Metal ... Gained some American exposure during the heyday of the WCW cruiserweight division on *Nitro* about five years ago ... A serious leg injury has forced him to cut back on some of his high-flying moves ... Sometimes teams with El Dandy ... Made a few appearances in the States this year on AAA shows, mainly in Texas and California ... Used to tour internationally, but now focuses on the Mexican national title and his commitments with AAA ... Best known for his corkscrew plancha ... He typically executes an in-ring variation of the move, called the Cancun tornado, from a moonsault.

37 LANCE STORM

(5'10", 231, 13, 56) Maintained a solid career in terms of championship gold, yet failed to connect with the fans—either in a good or bad way ... Played an unconvincing role in The Un-Americans—along with Christian, William Regal, and Test—because, judging from his Internet commentaries, his heart was never in it ... He and Christian lost the WWE World tag team title to The Hurricane and Kane on September 23 in Ana-

heim, California ... Teamed with William Regal to beat Booker T and Goldust for the Raw tag team belts on January 6 in Phoenix, Arizona ... They lost the straps to The Dudley Boyz at the Royal Rumble ... Chief Morley rigged a match the following night on *Raw* so they could regain the title from the Dudleys ... Storm gained a new partner on March 24, when Chief Morley took the place of Regal, who went on hiatus due to illness ... Those are four tag team title reigns in one year, if you're counting ... He and Morley lost the belts to Rob Van Dam and Kane the night after WrestleMania XIX ... Still trying to overcome "boring" chants initiated by Steve Austin ... The Canadian maple leaf is his finishing hold.

38 GENICHIRO TENRYU

(6'1", 275, 27, 15) *Puroresu* veteran is one of the few men alive to have held both the All-Japan Triple Crown and the IWGP heavyweight titles ... Also one of the few Japanese wrestlers to ever appear at WrestleMania ... He and partner Koji Kitao defeated Demolition at WrestleMania VII in Los Angeles ... Was the top star of the now-largely defunct WAR promotion ... Returned to All-Japan after a lengthy absence to fill the void after Mitsuharu Misawa led the NOAH exodus ... Much-anticipated singles program with protegee and former partner Toshiaki Kawada is on hold once again due to Kawada's never-ending litany of injuries ... Helps out his friend Riki Choshu by appearing with his fledgling WJ Pro group ... Known for his hard chops and kicks, which he uses to brutalize opponents of all sizes ... Pet moves are the Northern Lights bomb and the folding power bomb.

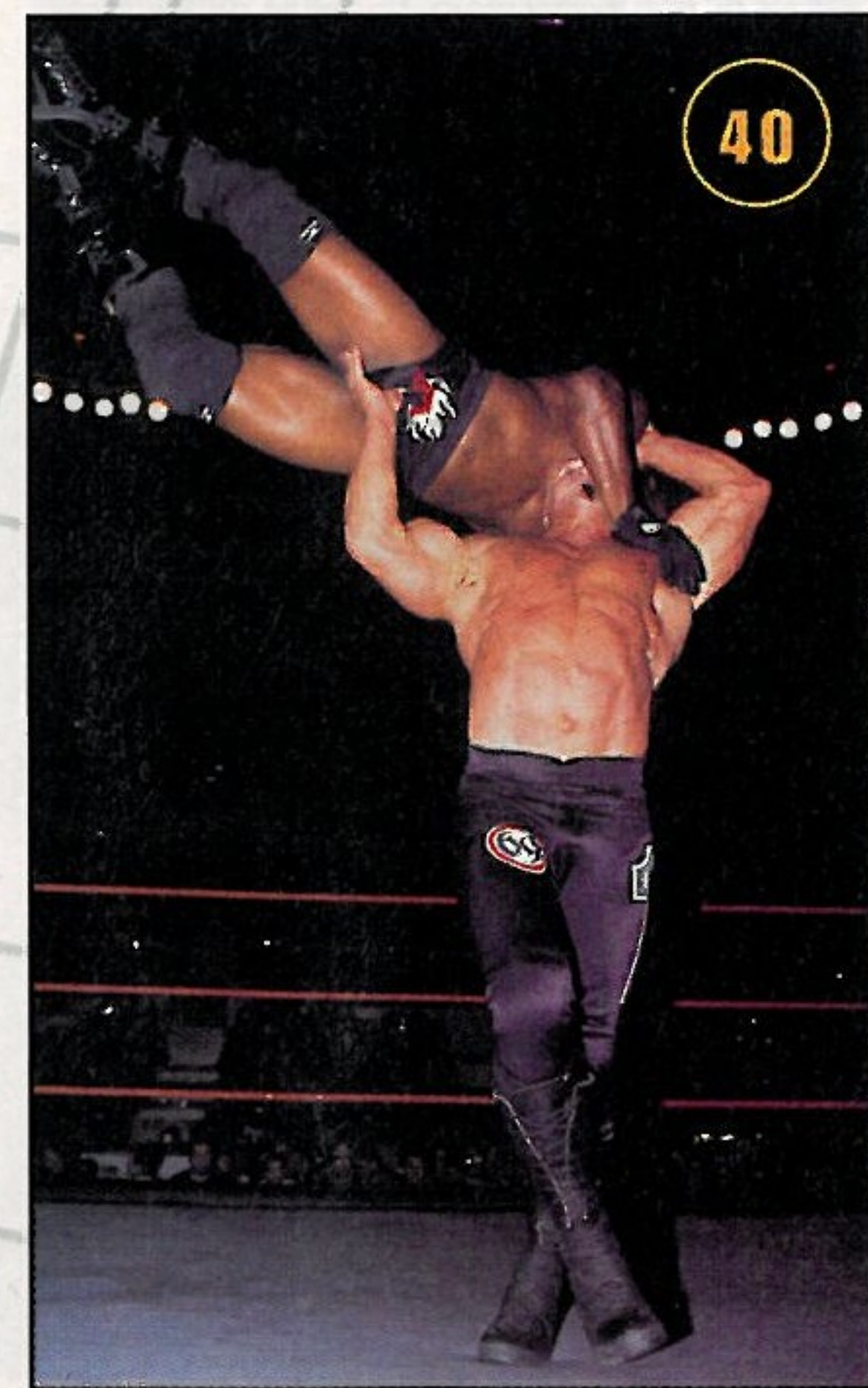
39 BILL GOLDBERG

(6'4", 283, 5, NL) Returned to wrestling after a 20-month absence ... Accepted a buyout from AOL Time Warner for the remainder of his contract, which gave him free agent status ... Defeated Satoshi Kojima on August 30 in Tokyo's Budokan Hall in the first of a two-match engagement with All-Japan ... Used a choke-slam he turned into a power bomb to beat Taiyo Kea in less than four minutes on the second night ... Appeared on the March 31 edition of *Raw*, the night after WrestleMania XIX ... Speared The Rock on that night, and went on to spear and jackhammer "The Great One" for a win at Backlash ... Had a backstage skirmish with Chris Jericho, stemming from mutual bad feelings since their WCW days ... Forced to sit out Judgment Day, indicating that his WWE stint had

already become rocky ... Defeated Jericho in a very good match at Bad Blood ... Still not being ushered into a top-tier role on *Raw*, and appeared to be behind schedule if he expected to face Raw champion Triple-H by SummerSlam ... Relegated to beating Rodney Mack in the "White Boy Challenge" ... A former WCW World champion.

40 SCOTT STEINER

(6'1", 275, 18, 7) Entered WWE with more fanfare than any other newcomer in 2002-'03, including Bill Goldberg ... Attacked Christopher No-winski of *Raw* and Matt Hardy of *Smackdown* at Survivor Series ... Raw General Manager Eric Bischoff won an on-air bidding war over *Smackdown* GM Stephanie McMahon for Steiner's services ... As of the Royal Rumble, it was questionable whether *Raw* got the better deal ... Booed for his lackluster performances against Raw champion Triple-H ... Beat Helmsley by disqualification at the Rumble, but "The Game" scored a tainted victory over him at No Way Out ... Left out of WrestleMania XIX ... Teamed with Test under the guidance of Stacy Keibler ... Test had a bad split with Keibler, and began feuding with Steiner ... "Big Poppa Pump" defeated Test at Bad Blood ... His nagging injuries make it impossible for Steiner to regain main-event status ... The Steiner recliner remains a crowd favorite, although we've seen a few too many overhead suplexes ... The former WCW World champion still has something to offer if used in the right capacity.



41 MR. NIEBLA

(5'9", 179, 11, 83) Won the CMLL heavy-weight title from Universo 2000 and ended his four-year reign in the process ... Stocky masked man is a remarkable high-flyer and mat virtuoso ... Former partner of Shocker; the two parted ways years ago ... Held the trios championship with Atlantis and Black Warrior last year ... Flattens opponents with a wild moonsault from the turnbuckles to the arena floor ... Has toured Japan in years past, but prefers to wrestle mainly in his native Mexico ... Has avoided losing his mask in all his years in the ring, despite numerous mask vs. mask and mask vs. hair matches ... Among EMLL's most popular *tecnicos* ... La Nieblina is his signature submission hold ... Ties his opponents up in a ball, trapping every limb in a complex lock.

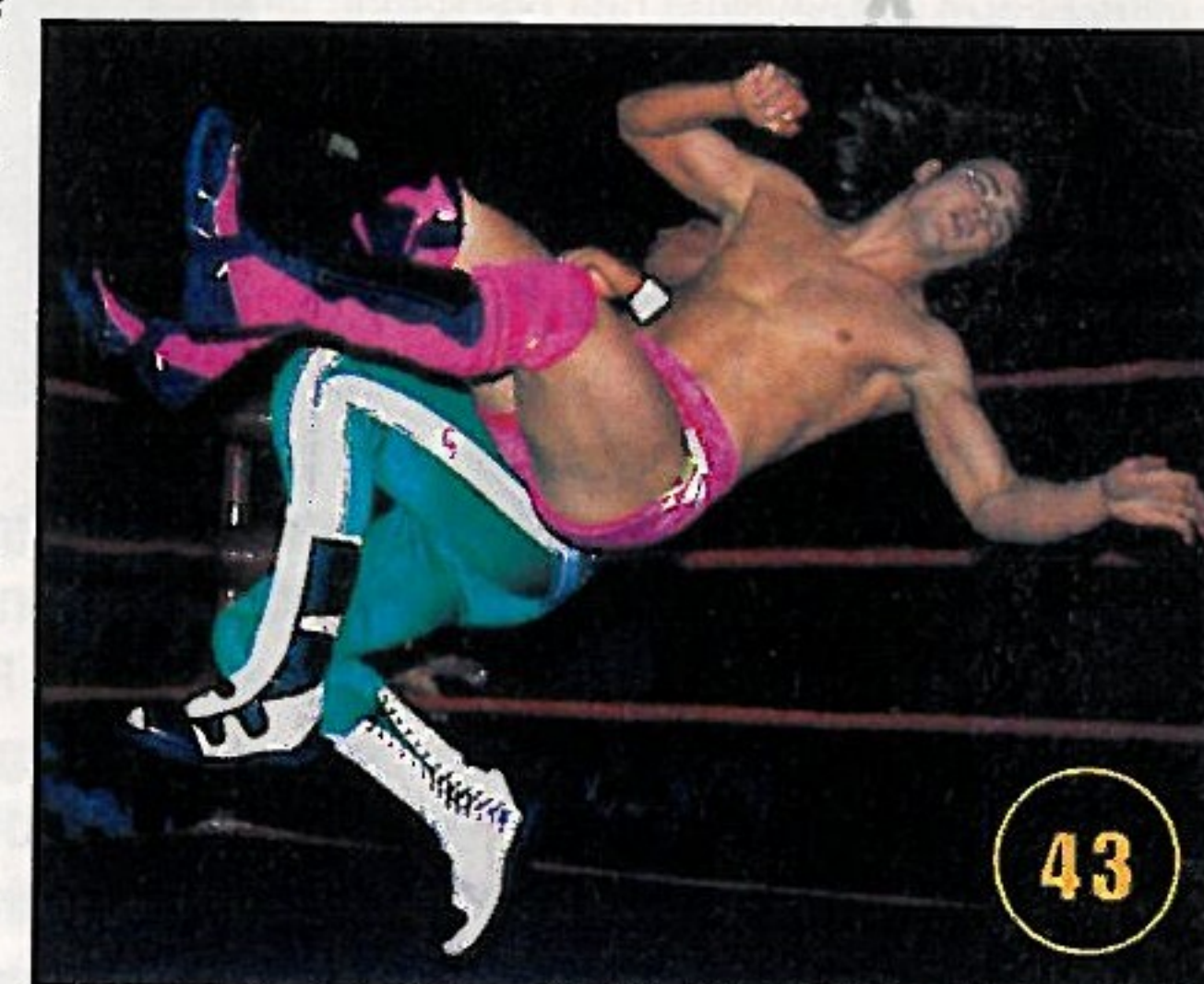
42 RED

(5'6", 147, 3, 217) Defeated Prince Nana for the East Coast Wrestling Association championship, his very first heavyweight title ... Lost the belt to Christopher Daniels in a "five-of-a-kind" match also involving American Dragon, Mike Kruel, and Low-Ki ... Wrestled extensively in Japan, where he's known as the masked Airwalk Spriggen ... Made appearances in NWA-TNA and was a pioneer of the X division ... Might have dampened his opportunities there when he said WWE was his destination of choice ... Also competed in Ring of Honor, USA Pro Wrestling, the Premier Wrestling Federation, and Independent Championship Wrestling ... His busy schedule forced him to forfeit the Maryland Championship Wrestling cruiserweight championship ... It was Savio Vega who dubbed him "The Amazing" Red ... Usually compared to Rey Misterio Jr. in terms of size and style ... An original member of the S.A.T. with his cousins, the Maximo brothers, and Brian XL ... Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... Calls Brooklyn, New York, home ... Capable of two revolutions before making impact with his standing shooting star press.

43 SPANKY

(5'8", 184, 4, 171) Received his big break this year, a contract with WWE ... This came after losing his developmental deal with the company a few years ago ... Pulled outrageous stunts to get noticed, including running through the crowd on *Smackdown* in only a jockstrap ... Stephanie McMahon must have liked what she saw, because she offered him a spot ... Became known as a lovable goofball on *Smackdown*, but most of

his televised wins occurred on *Velocity* ... Used his real name, Brian Kendrick, during his first few months in WWE ... John Cena's rap gimmick inspired him to reclaim the name he used in the independents ... Obtained permission from WWE to compete in the ECWA Super 8 and defeated Chris Cage in the opening round before losing to Chance Beckett in the semifinals ... Trained by Shawn Michaels and William Regal ... His feud with American Dragon, which lit up the indies, could resurface in WWE if his former friend also gets a *Smackdown* gig ... His finishing maneuver is the sliced bread II ... It is so named because it is, well, the best thing since sliced bread ...



Spent several months as the resident Ring of Honor goofball ... Developed a cult following in Zero-One for his resemblance to Leonardo DiCaprio ... He adopted the techo version of "My Heart Will Go On" as his entrance music in Japan ... Was even billed as "Leonardo Spanky" by Zero-One.

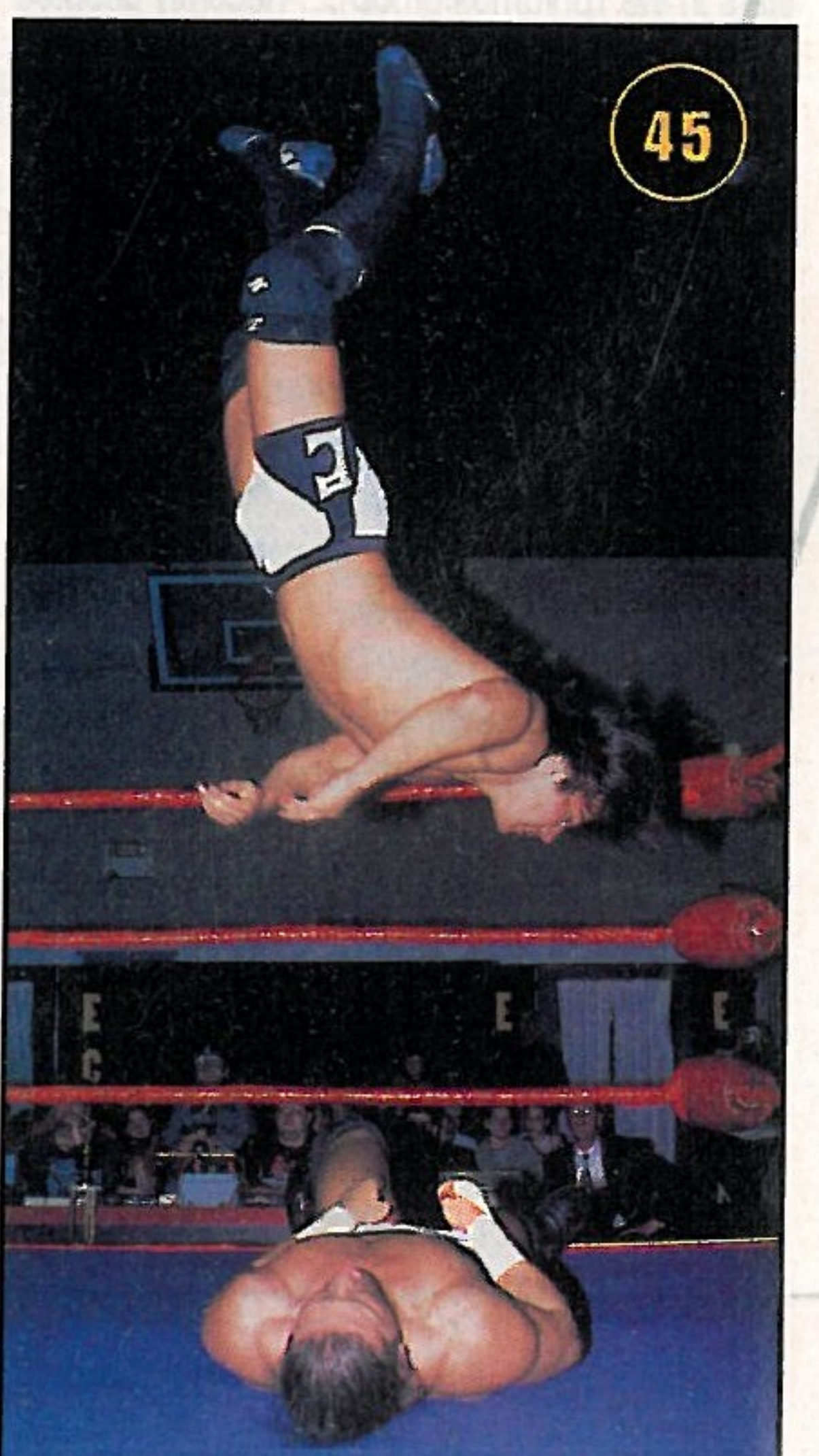
44 TEST

(6'7", 302, 6, 40) Showed signs of breaking out as a major star, except that he didn't earn any key victories ... Dedicated himself to singles competition after the ill-conceived Un-Americans group—which also included William Regal, Lance Storm, and Christian—finally dissolved ... Stacy Keibler proved she was a poor marketing director, because she failed to get Test's career off the ground ... His haircut was the most noticeable improvement that Test made all year ... Formed a team with Scott Steiner ... Didn't benefit from their feud, because he suffered two key losses to Steiner, at Insurrexion and Bad Blood ... Lost his girlfriend, Stacy, because he was too busy ogling at Torrie Wilson's *Playboy* layout ... Talk about misplaced priorities ... At least Stacy doesn't have a staple through her navel ... His finishing moves are the big boot and pumphandle slam ... His biggest win to date was against Kane at No Mercy 2001 ... A former Inter-

continental champ ... Ex-bodyguard for Motley Crue.

45 PAUL LONDON

(5'10", 205, 3, NL) Experienced a meteoric rise on the independent scene in 2002-'03 thanks in part to several grueling gauntlet matches in Ring of Honor against his fellow Texas boys ... Considered to be part of the Michael Shane/John Hope faction more than the American Dragon/Spanky clique ... His high-flying daredevil style has earned him the chant "Please don't die!" which was actually chanted at him by ROH fans during a match ... The breakout star of ROH ... Didn't make the "PWI 500" last year, but emerged victorious in the 2003 ECWA Super 8 ... Beat Alex Arion in the opening round and Frankie Kazarian in the semifinals before defeating Chance Beckett in the tournament final ... Underwent emergency sinus surgery earlier in the year ... Often cited as a Shawn Michaels trainee, although he actually graduated from the Texas Wrestling Academy, operated by Michaels' former head trainer, Rudy Boy Gonzales ... Also trained by Ivan Putski and Dory Funk Jr. ... Wrestled in Gonzales' Extreme Texas Wrestling, where he won the TV title, his first and only championship outside of the Funkin' Conservatory ... Often recognized for his beautiful shooting star press, but his flipover dropkicks are just as impressive ... Frequently competes in Japan's Zero-One ... Made appearances at WWE, NWA-TNA, and UPW shows ... Has experience as an actor.



46 MASA CHONO

(5'11", 245, 19, 60) Former leader of Team 2000 and NWO Japan is now concentrating on defending the IWGP tag team title, which he holds with long-time partner Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... The duo has held the title four times dating back some eight years ... Still one of *puroresu* 's most popular superstars, he's appeared in some dream matchups this year, including a wild half-hour match with NOAH 's Kenta Kobashi ... Tore his ACL shortly before the Kobashi match, but went ahead with the bout anyway ... Could be spending some serious time on the sidelines between tag team title defenses ... Chronically bad back and neck continue to slow him down ... Blasts foes with his Yakuza kick ... Trained in the same group as Keiji Muto and Shinya Hashimoto; they were called The Three Musketeers early in their careers ... A former NWA and IWGP heavyweight champion ... Favorite hold has always been the STF.

47 ULTIMO DRAGON

(5'8", 186, 18, NL) Last ranked in the 1998 "PWI 500" (number 20), his career hit a major bump in the road when a botched elbow surgery was thought to have ended his wrestling tenure ... Returned in late 2002 with 90 percent of the mobility restored in his arm ... Founder and head trainer of the Toryumon group which promotes in both Mexico and Japan ... Won the Differ Ariake tag tournament with partner Yossino, although Ultimo usually teams with Dragon Kid; both are stars in the Toryumon group ... Recently debuted in the WWE, fulfilling his career goal of wrestling at Madison Square Garden ... Made waves in the early-'90s under his given name of Yoshihiro Asai, feuding with Negro Casas ... Trained in Mexico after being rejected by the New Japan dojo ... A former IWGP junior, WCW cruiserweight, and J-crown champion ... Finisher is the Dragon sleeper.

48 RON KILLINGS

(6'1", 230, 6, 194) "The Truth" is the first African-American ever to hold the NWA title ... Formerly competed as K-Kwik in the WWF and as K-Krush and then E. Malik Shabazz in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Formed a moderately successful team with Road Dogg in the WWF ... Initially claimed he wasn't receiving shots at the NWA title because of a racial conspiracy against him ... Actually made his TV debut not on a wrestling program, but in a live performance on MTV, singing his rap single "I've Got Issues" ... Performs his

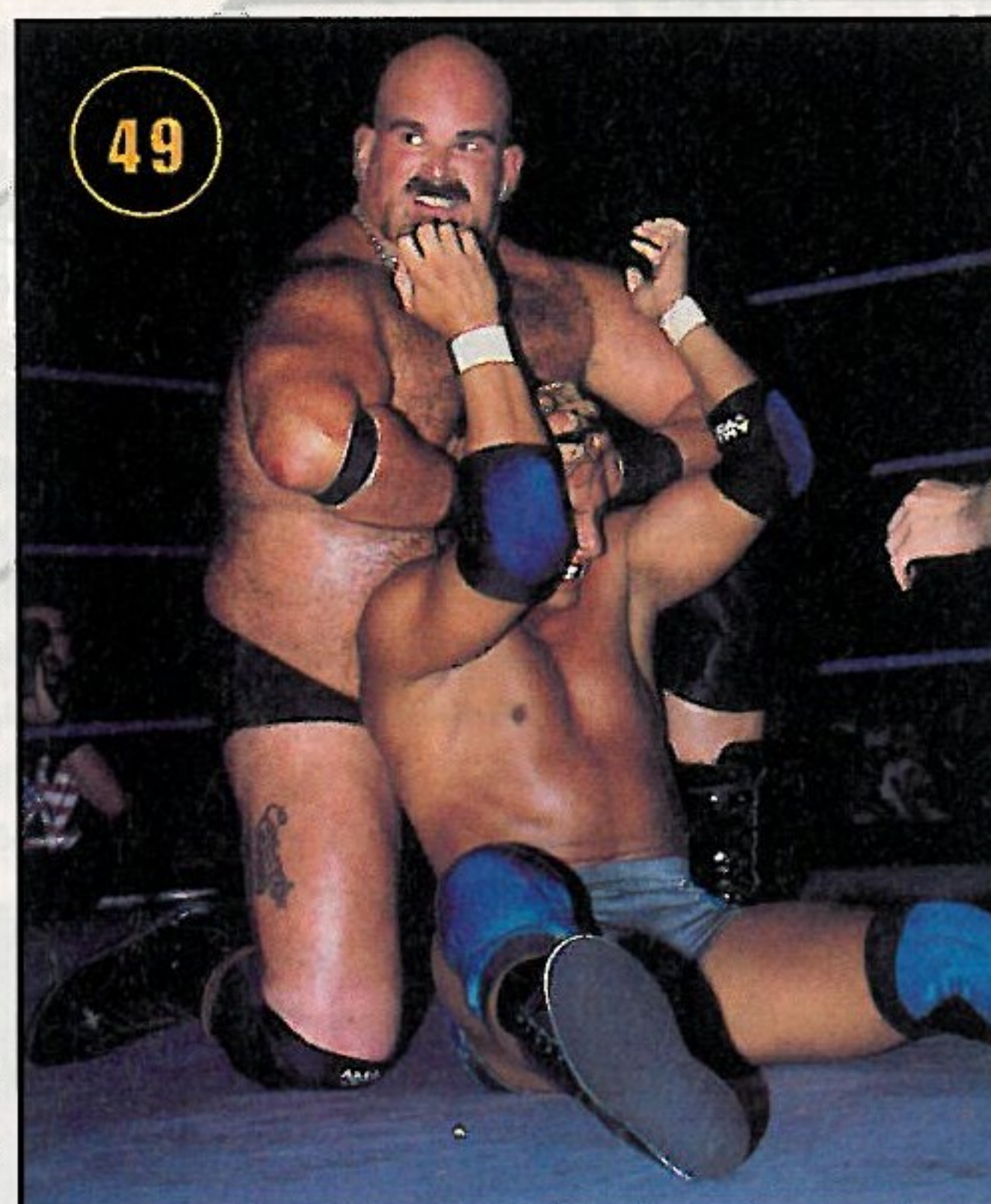
own raps as he makes his way to the ring ... Competed in the battle royal to crown the first NWA-TNA champion on June 19, 2002, but came away empty-handed ... Kept winning matches and received a title shot from Commissioner Rick Steamboat ... Won the NWA title by pinning Ken Shamrock on August 7, 2002 ... Was robbed off the title when Vince Russo (wearing a mask) blasted him with a guitar, allowing Jeff Jarrett to take the title ... Killings spurned Russo's offer to join SEX and is committed to destroying the clique and regaining his title.

49 A-TRAIN

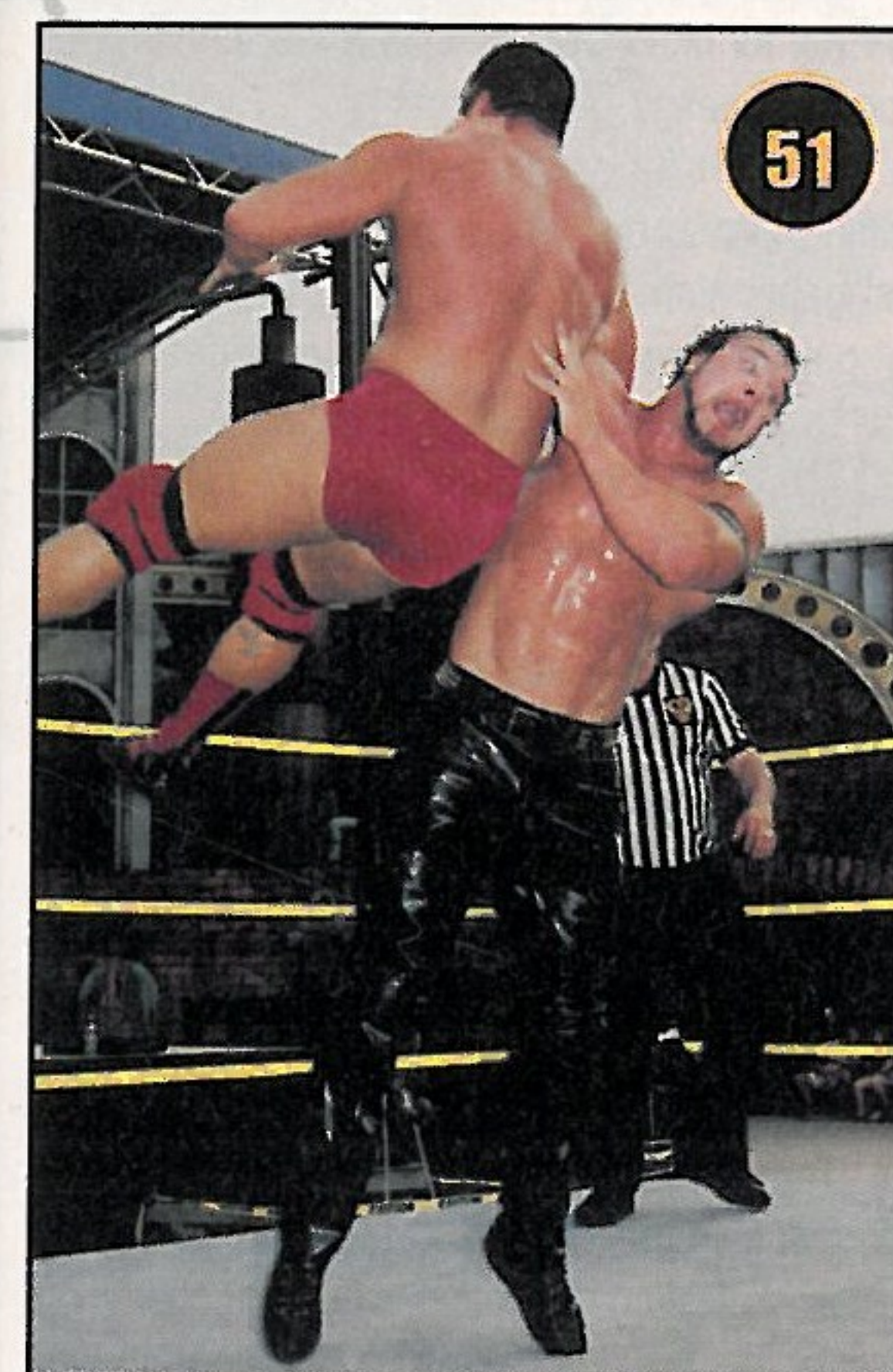
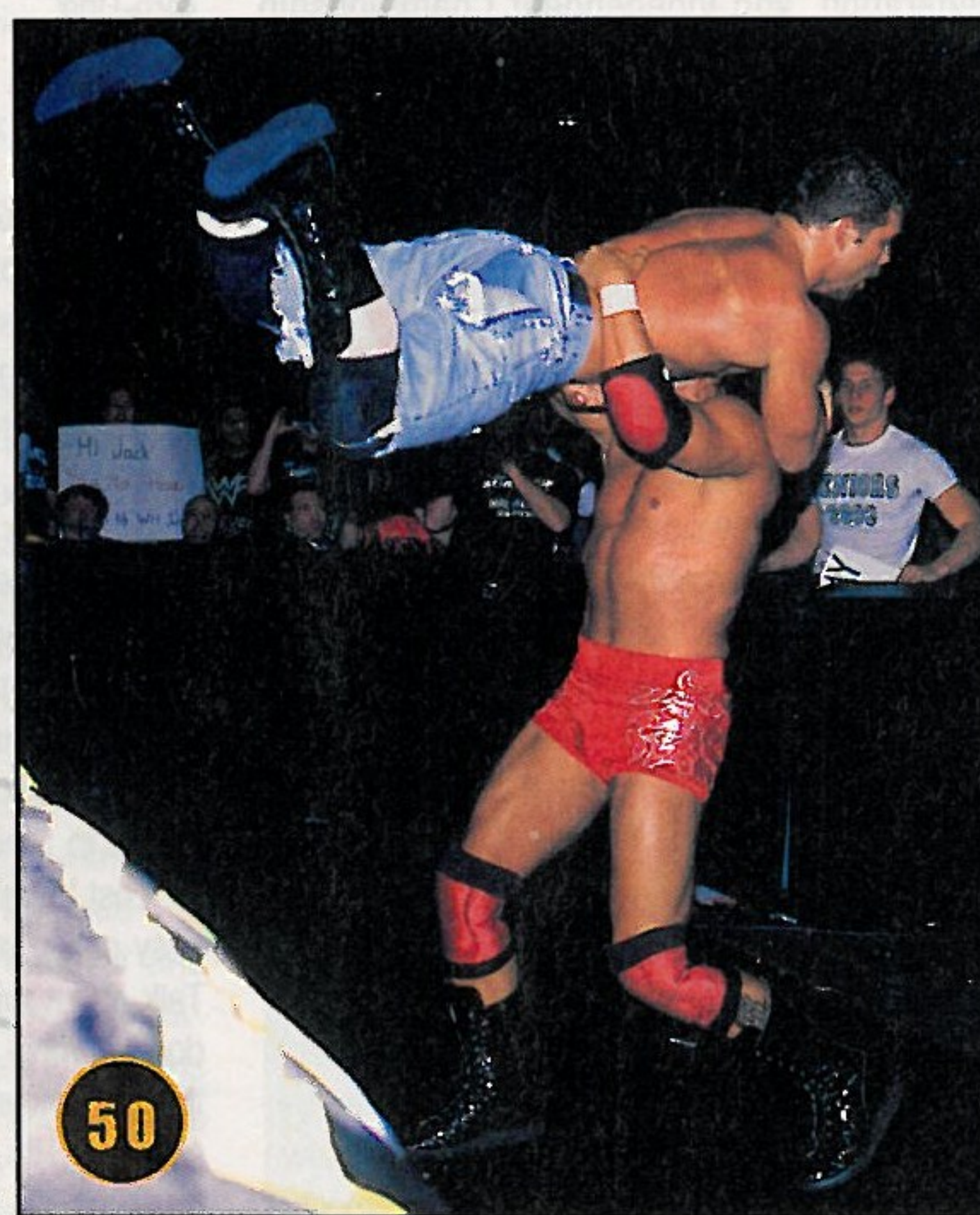
(6'6", 360, 6, 125) Discarded his muscle shirt and pants for skimpier ring attire, exposing his hairy back and ample paunch, but no one has enough nerve to tell him to dress otherwise ... Has heard many chants of "Shave your back!" ... Paul Heyman gave Albert the new ring name of A-Train prior to a short series of matches against Brock Lesnar ... Received an unexpected push from WWE, but it didn't really stick ... Teamed with The Big Show on a regular basis ... He and Big Show lost a handicap match to The Undertaker at WrestleMania XIX ... Although that was embarrassing, especially since it was A-Train who fell prey to Undertaker's tombstone piledriver, at least the big man made the WrestleMania cut when stars such as Scott Steiner and Lance Storm did not ... He didn't get stuck teaming with Nathan Jones, either ... Headlines *Velocity* quite often ... An ex-Intercontinental champ ... Previously known as Prince Albert and Baldo ... In fact, he still uses the Baldo bomb, a finishing move he began using in Memphis several years ago.

50 JAMIE NOBLE

(5'8", 190, 9, 42) Lost the WWE cruiserweight title to Billy Kidman at Survivor Series ... That ended his six-month title reign, which is still the longest on record ... Became a bit player on Smackdown shows after that loss ... Stuck in too many mixed tag team matches with his girlfriend, Nidia ... Tajiri, a former ally, is his toughest opponent in the cruiserweight division ... Has already had several good matches against current cruiserweight



champion Rey Misterio Jr. ... Should have outstanding matches against Ultimo Dragon as well ... Recently inherited more than \$800,000 from a long-lost relative and hopes that will change he and Nidia's fortunes for the better ... His finisher is the trailer hitch ... Needs to show a different dimension to his redneck gimmick ... And that doesn't mean bringing in "cousins" like Nunzio ... Wore a mask as "Jamie-san," a member of The Jung Dragons with Kaz Hayashi and Jimmy Yang, while in WCW ... Has also wrestled in the Heartland Wrestling Association and several Florida indies.



51 DOUG BASHAM

(6'2", 245, 10, 157) Long-time WWE prospect finally made his official prime time TV debut on May 29, 2003, teaming with "brother" Danny on *Smackdown* (though he previously appeared on *Velocity*) ... The nephew of OVW promoter Danny Davis, Basham previously wrestled as "All-American" Doug Basham, a beloved babyface ... He vanished and reappeared in March 2001 as The Machine, a masked heel decked out in bondage gear like The Gimp in *Pulp Fiction* ... Lost his mask after an epic defeat to arch-rival Nick Dinsmore ... Ruled as the top heel in OVW for the past two years ... Formerly managed by Victoria, Basham replaced her with Nikita ... He claims his favorite movies are the ones he makes himself, along with Nikita ... Despite his heel tactics, Basham is one of the finest tacticians in OVW ... Regained the OVW title on April 9, 2003, in a best-of-three-falls match against Dinsmore ... Had a WWE title shot against Brock Lesnar set for last summer, but Lesnar was unable to compete, and Chris Benoit had to substitute ... Basham held his own for more than 20 minutes against "The Crippler" before losing ... Formerly a minority owner in OVW, Basham did everything he could to make life miserable for Davis and Jim Cornette.

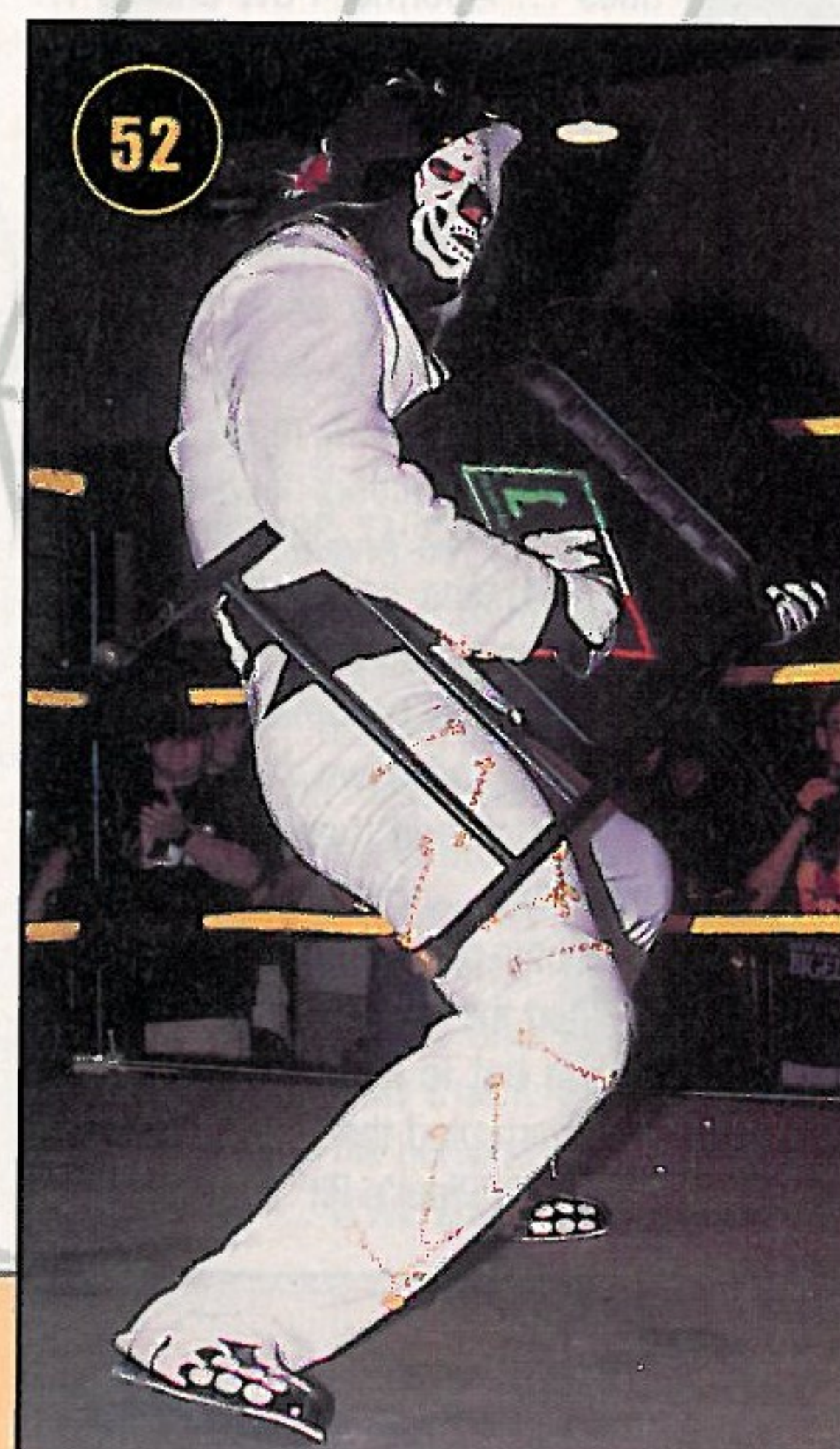
52 LA PARKA

(6', 230, 16, 44) Former "Chairman Of WCW" still appears in the United States from time to time with MLW, but can usually be found wrestling in the Tijuana independents ... One of the

most enduring characters in Lucha Libre, he alternates between *tecnico* and *rudo* on a seemingly monthly basis ... Has had his share of difficulties with the Lucha Libre Commission ... Over the last few years, he's had a large number of fines and suspensions levied against him ... Skeleton outfit recalls the Mexican holiday Day of the Dead, which is similar to American Halloween ... Long feud with Rey Misterio Sr. has been one of Mexico's hottest rivalries ... Made an appearance in Japan this past year, but wasn't well-received ... Loves to brawl all over arenas during his matches ... Lost his lawsuit against Antonio Pena of AAA to keep the La Parka name, and recently unmasked and revealed his true identity, Adolfo Tapia ... Trademark move is the twisting senton from the turnbuckles, but he's best known for his skill swinging a steel chair.

53 RIC FLAIR

(6'1", 243, 30, 34) Chose to serve as adviser to WWE Raw champion Triple-H, rather than devote himself to a full-time wrestling schedule ... Several high-profile matches as Triple-H's partner, and some key singles victories have earned him a respectable ranking in the "PWI 500" ... Used the figure-four leglock to force Chris Jericho into submission at SummerSlam 2002 ... Lost to Jericho by submission at the following pay-per-view, Unforgiven ... Hit Rob Van Dam with a sledgehammer and joined Raw champion Triple-H at that PPV ... Interfered in many of Triple-H's title defenses in 2002 and '03 ... Had several run-ins with Shawn Michaels, especially while Kevin Nash was pursuing Triple-H's Raw championship ... Lost to his protege,



Raw champ Triple-H, in an outstanding match on *Raw* ... Michaels hailed Flair as his childhood idol, and General Manager Eric Bischoff responded by pitting Flair and Michaels against Raw champ Triple-H ... Turned against Michaels, proving once again that he's "the dirtiest player in the game" ... Marked his third full decade in the business in 2002.

54 VAL VENIS

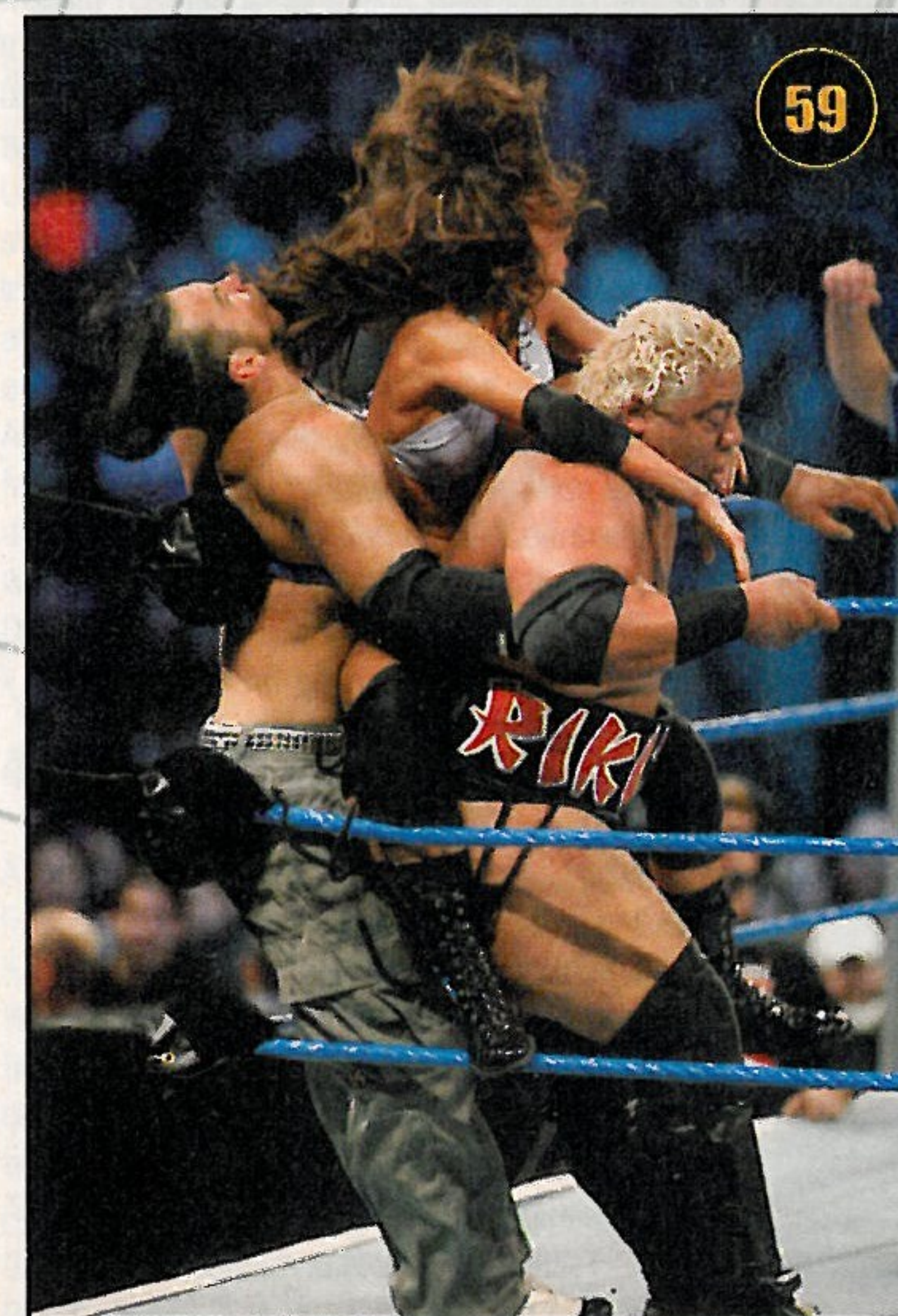
(6'2", 250, 8, 74) Struggled to find his niche this year, and ended up going full circle ... Seemed to be going through the motions as The Big Valbowski while competing on Smackdown cards ... Jumped to Raw, where General Manager Eric Bischoff immediately appointed him "chief of staff" ... Introduced as Chief Morley ... Like any good wrestling official, he abused his power at every opportunity ... Totally ineffective in the ring while wearing his polo shirts and sports jackets ... Routinely put through tables by The Dudley Boyz ... Gained revenge by screwing the Dudleys out of the WWE Raw tag team title on January 20, and handing the belts back to William Regal and Lance Storm ... Appointed himself as Storm's new championship partner on March 24, after Regal had to go on hiatus due to illness ... He and Storm lost the belts to Rob Van Dam and Kane in a three-way match also involving The Dudley Boyz only a week later ... Later fired by Bischoff ... Resumed his Val Venis character at Judgment Day, somewhat surprisingly, as a fan favorite ... His finisher is the money shot, a splash from the top rope.

55 DR. WAGNER JR.

(5'9", 216, 17, 35) Veteran EMLL *rudo* has cut back on his schedule this past year, and tends to confine his activities to Mexico now ... Won the annual Grand Prix Tournament at Arena Mexico this summer, last defeating Ultimo Dragon ... Comes from a family of wrestlers, most notably his father and brothers ... Developed a cult following in Japan, where he was an IWGP junior tag champ with Kendo Ka Shin for New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Hated *rudo* can usually be seen in his all-white mask and trunks, following in the great tradition of Mexico's many masked medics ... Likes the Michinoku driver and a variety of other sit-out moves ... Pet submission hold is the Wagner lock, a rolling ground octopus hold ... Regular teammates include Blue Panther and Fuerza Guerrera ... The trio was a championship group as recently as last year ... Technical ability is unmatched in almost all of Mexico.

56 BUH BUH RAY DUDLEY

(6'2", 325, 9, 30) Fell back into his groove as a tag team specialist after a successful run as a singles competitor in 2002 ... Held the WWE hardcore title eight times last year ... Now that the hardcore division is in the trash heap, Dudley might be better off in the tag team ranks ... His reunion with half-brother D-Von received a louder reaction at Survivor Series than Shawn Michaels' Raw title victory at the end of the pay-per-view ... D-Von helped Buh Buh Ray, Spike, and Jeff Hardy beat Three Minute Warning and Rico in a six-man table elimination match that night ... The Dudley Boyz defeated William Regal and Lance Storm for the Raw tag team belts at the Royal Rumble ... Screwed out of the straps the following night, and Chief Morley forced the referee to award the belts back to Regal and Storm ... He and D-Von lost to Rodney Mack and Christopher Nowinski at Bad Blood ... Likes using the Buh Buh bomb, but is glad D-Von is back so they can unleash the 3D ... The Dudleys are the only team to hold the WWF, WCW, and ECW world tag team championships.



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57 HIROYOSHI TENZAN

(6', 248, 13, 90) Long-time star of New Japan was abandoned by partner Satoshi Kojima when he departed for All-Japan, so Tenzan reunited with old partner Masa Chono ... The two captured the IWGP tag team title once again, and have been the team to beat in Japan ... Fans keep waiting for him to break through as a singles superstar ... Former member of Team 2000 and NWO Japan, he sometimes appeared in WCW years ago ... Breaks opponents down with his chops and headbutts ... Still wears his buffalo headgear and horns to the ring for every match ... Has been a tag team champion with a variety of partners over the years ... Frequently uses the moonsault press, but now favors his buffalo sleeperhold or tombstone driver as finishing maneuvers.

58 MICHAEL MODEST

(5'10", 220, 14, 86) Co-owns Pro Wrestling Iron, based in Hayward, California ... His greatest success, however, has occurred in Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Captured the GHC junior heavyweight title ... Also competes in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... He and Donovan Morgan compete as Excellence Inc. in Pro Wrestling Iron and Pro Wrestling NOAH ... His finisher is the reality check ... Brutalizes opponents with his clotheslines ... His temper and in-ring style have become less stable as of late, and he's visually more intimidating than in the past ... Rose to prominence in All Pro Wrestling, where he was a head trainer and held the APW universal, tag team, and Internet titles ... A former PCW champ ... Has also wrestled for WWE, WCW, XPW, the USWA, and Stampede Wrestling ... Hails from San Francisco ... Lost to Koko B. Ware in his 1989 debut.

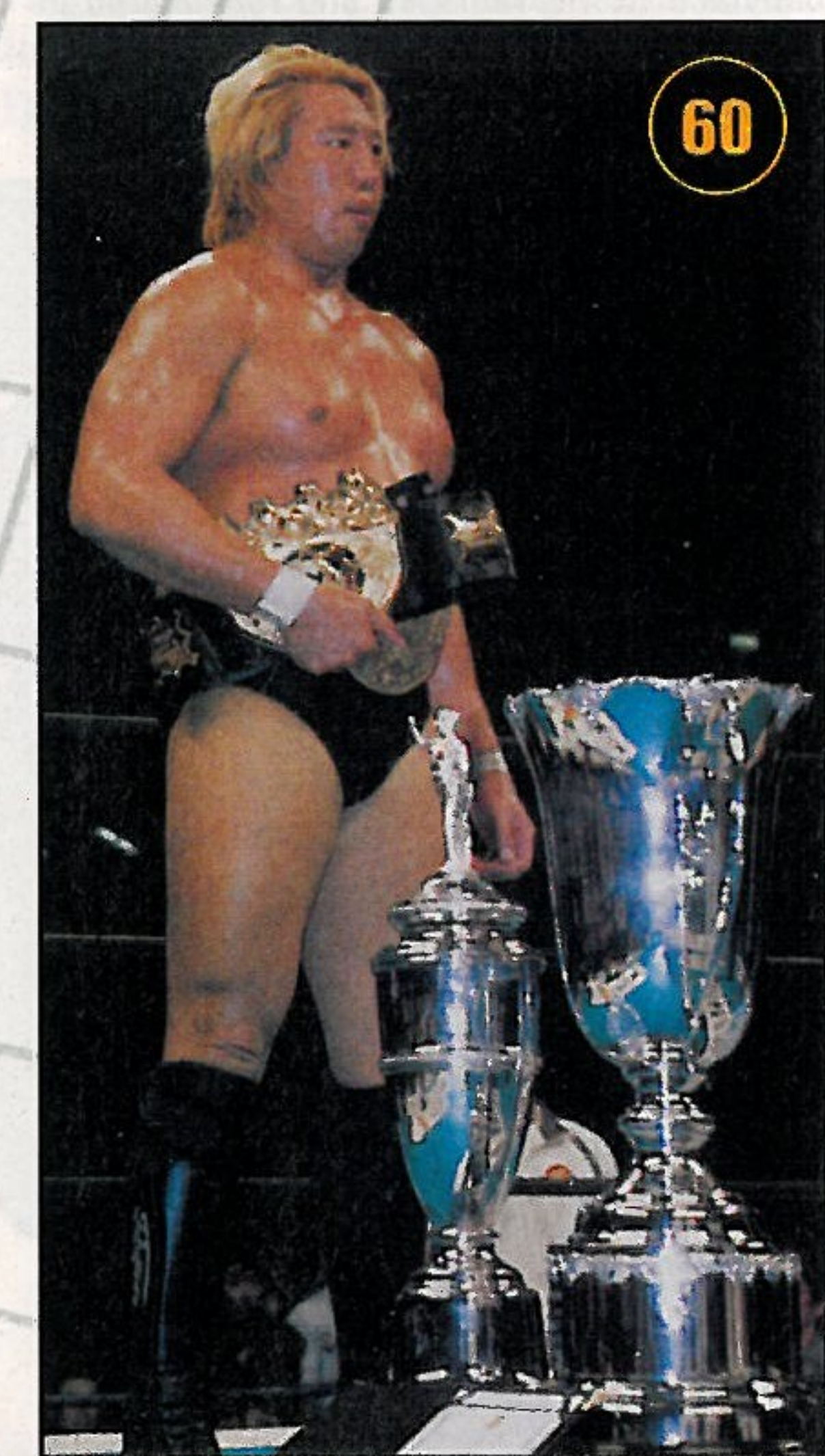
59 RIKISHI

(6'2", 423, 17, 39) Remains popular with fans, especially kids, but is no longer considered a box office draw ... Has become the Junkyard Dog of Smackdown, more of a mid-card attraction than a serious title contender ... Has appeared on very few pay-per-views as of late ... Ditched the sunglasses and added a fedora hat to his postmatch dance ... Interrupted the Smackdown premiere of "Piper's Pit" to punish Rod-

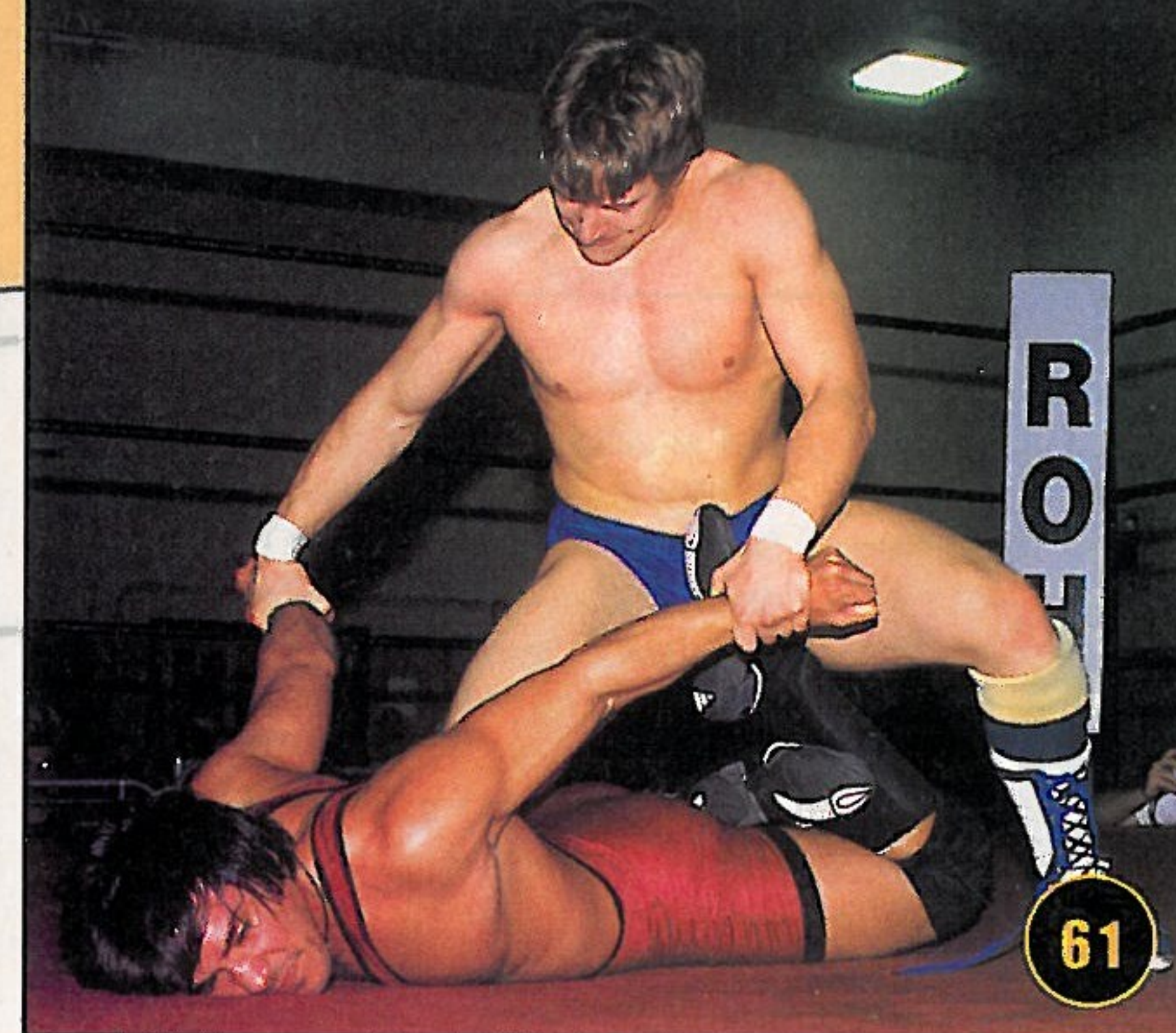
dy Piper for hitting Jimmy Snuka in the head with a coconut nearly 20 years earlier ... Didn't count on Sean O'Haire grabbing him from behind, enabling Piper to make coconut milk out of a second generation ... Lost to O'Haire at Backlash, but gained revenge by hitting Piper with a coconut ... Remained virtually injury-free during 2002-03 ... A former WWE World tag team and Intercontinental heavyweight champ ... Previously known as Fatu and The Sultan ... Has given the stinkface to just about everyone in WWE.

60 YOSHIHIRO TAKAYAMA

(6'4", 280, 11, 27) Former star of the UWFI and NOAH is now a freelancer for groups like New Japan and some mixed martial arts promotions ... Gave up on his No Fear tag team partner, Takao Omori, and broke out on his own ... The two held the NOAH GHC tag title together ... Lost in his first confrontation with IWGP champion Yuji Nagata, but finally wrestled the title from him in their second encounter ... Also holds the NWF title, another New Japan championship that was revived by Antonio Inoki after years of dormancy ... Dabbles in mixed martial arts matches, but in that pursuit, he is most famous for the incredible beatings he absorbs ... Has had to deal with some paralysis in his face ... Has a deadly array of kicks in his arsenal, but likes to put opponents away with his high German suplex.



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61 AMERICAN DRAGON

(5'8", 190, 3, 89) Returned to Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association to participate in a heralded "five-of-a-kind" match also involving Christopher Daniels, Low-Ki, Red, and Mike Kruel ... Expanded his travel itinerary this year by making several tours of Japan and England ... Distinguished himself in Ring of Honor against such stars as Samoa Joe, Low-Ki, Paul London, and Doug Williams ... Feuded with Chance Beckett throughout the Pacific Northwest and Canada ... The only graduate of the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy to have a substantial reputation in those regions ... A native of Aberdeen, Washington ... Wrestled in several televised and dark matches for WWE since losing his WWE developmental deal ... Once regarded as the Shawn Michaels graduate with the most promise, Dragon has taken a backseat to fellow trainees such as Paul London and Spanky ... Has a love-hate relationship with Low-Ki ... They once held the ECWA tag team title for a year ... But they have waged war in not only the ECWA, but also Ring of Honor and All Pro Wrestling ... Sometimes wrestles under his real name, Bryan Danielson.

62 TAJIRI

(5'7", 224, 9, 23) Failed to have a breakout year, although the fans still love him ... The Smackdown creative team seems content with keeping Tajiri in a stereotypical ethnic role ... Lost to WWE cruiserweight champion Jamie Noble at No Mercy ... Lost again to Noble at Rebellion, held in the U.K. in November, in a three-way match also involving Rey Misterio Jr. ... Substituted for an injured Chavo Jr. and helped Eddie Guerrero win the Smackdown tag team title from Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas in a ladder match at Judgment Day ... They lost the belts back to Benjamin and Haas ... Eddie turned against Tajiri and smashed him into his low-rider, prompting a vicious feud ... The octopus and tarantula are his signature moves ... Also noted

for his handspring elbow ... A former ECW World tag team and WCW U.S. champion ... Should become a contender in the re-energized cruiserweight division in the upcoming year.

63 RANDY ORTON

(6'5", 265, 3, 33)

Missed a good portion of 2002-'03 because of injuries ... Spent several months nursing a separated shoulder ... The Raw creative team actually turned that into a plus, with Orton giving routine—and obnoxious—"RNN" updates on his condition ... Not only did that stall his career, but it also derailed plans for WWE Raw champion Triple-H to dominate the brand with his Evolution faction ... Broke several bones in his foot and dislocated his big toe during a tag team match in Reading, Pennsylvania ... All of this is in addition to the mild concussion he suffered in a bout against Batista last year ... Finally began making an impact in early-summer ... Interfered in several of Triple-H's Raw title defenses ... His frequent tag team matches with Ric Flair undoubtedly are valuable learning experiences ... Represents the next generation in Evolution's past-present-future concept ... The son of Bob Orton Jr. and the grandson of Bob Orton Sr. ... It's a wonder the creative team doesn't dust off Grandpa's "Big O" nickname for Randy ... A favorite to win the I-C belt by 2004.

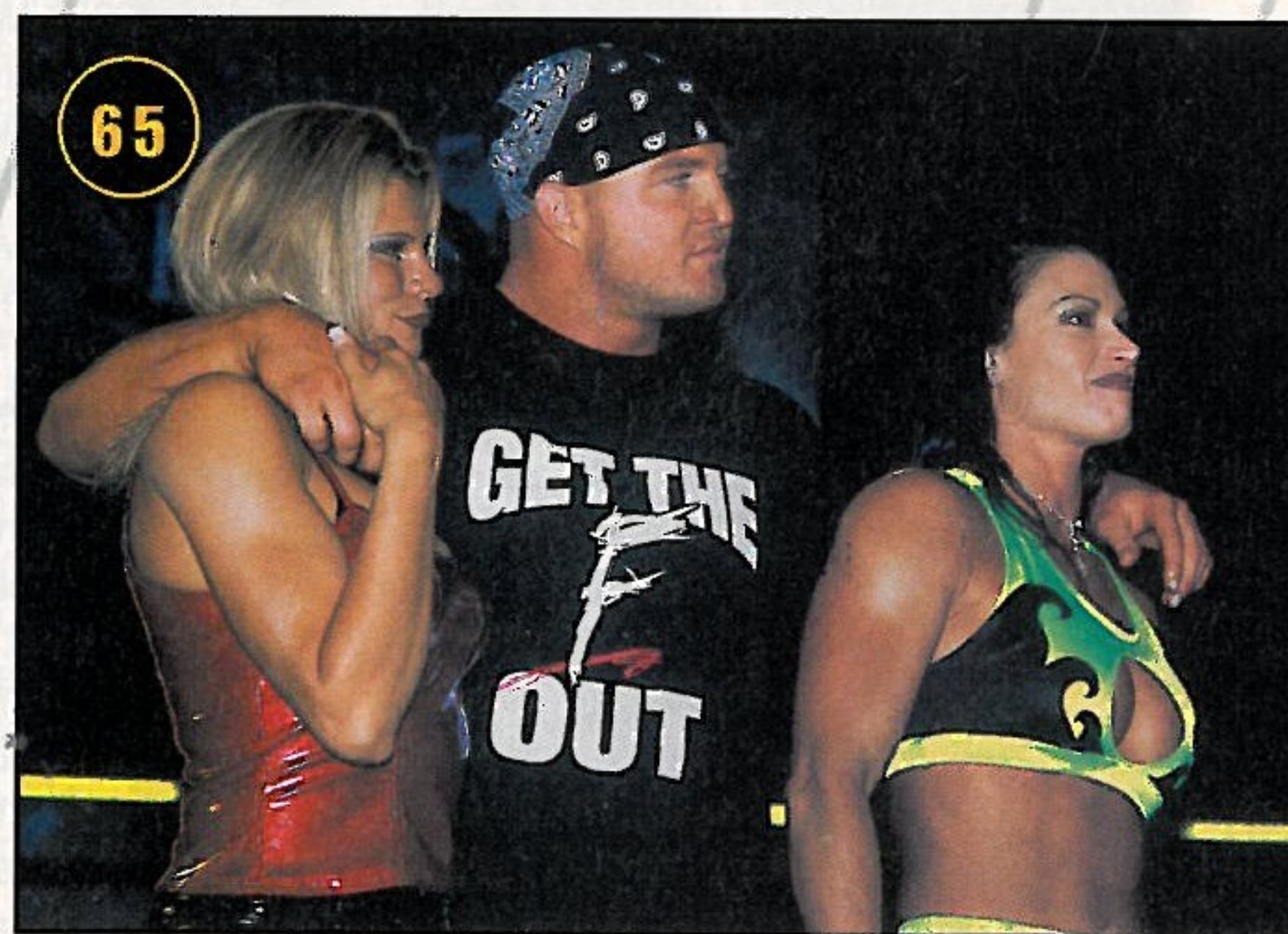
64 JEFF HARDY

(6', 211, 9, 32) Lowered his profile on the wrestling scene by mid-2003, but was active for most of the year ... The Raw creative team de-emphasized his push because he was uninspired and not always dependable ... Held the WWE hardcore title for a brief period ... Teamed with Buh Buh Ray and Spike Dudley to beat Three Minute Warning and Rico in a tables elimination match at Survivor Series ... So enigmatic and directionless on Raw that it was worked into his persona and storyline ... WWE finally

released him on April 22 ... That seemed fine with Hardy, who said he wanted to dedicate himself to his artwork and his rock band, Peroxwhygen ... Although Hardy insisted he needed a break from wrestling, he still competed at a local North Carolina indy show and was scheduled to appear in Ring of Honor as of press time ... Has held the WWE World tag team title five times and the Intercontinental belt once ... His senton bomb sets the standard ... Got out of WWE while still near his peak ... Capable of being a top draw on the independent circuit if he desires.

65 DAMAJA

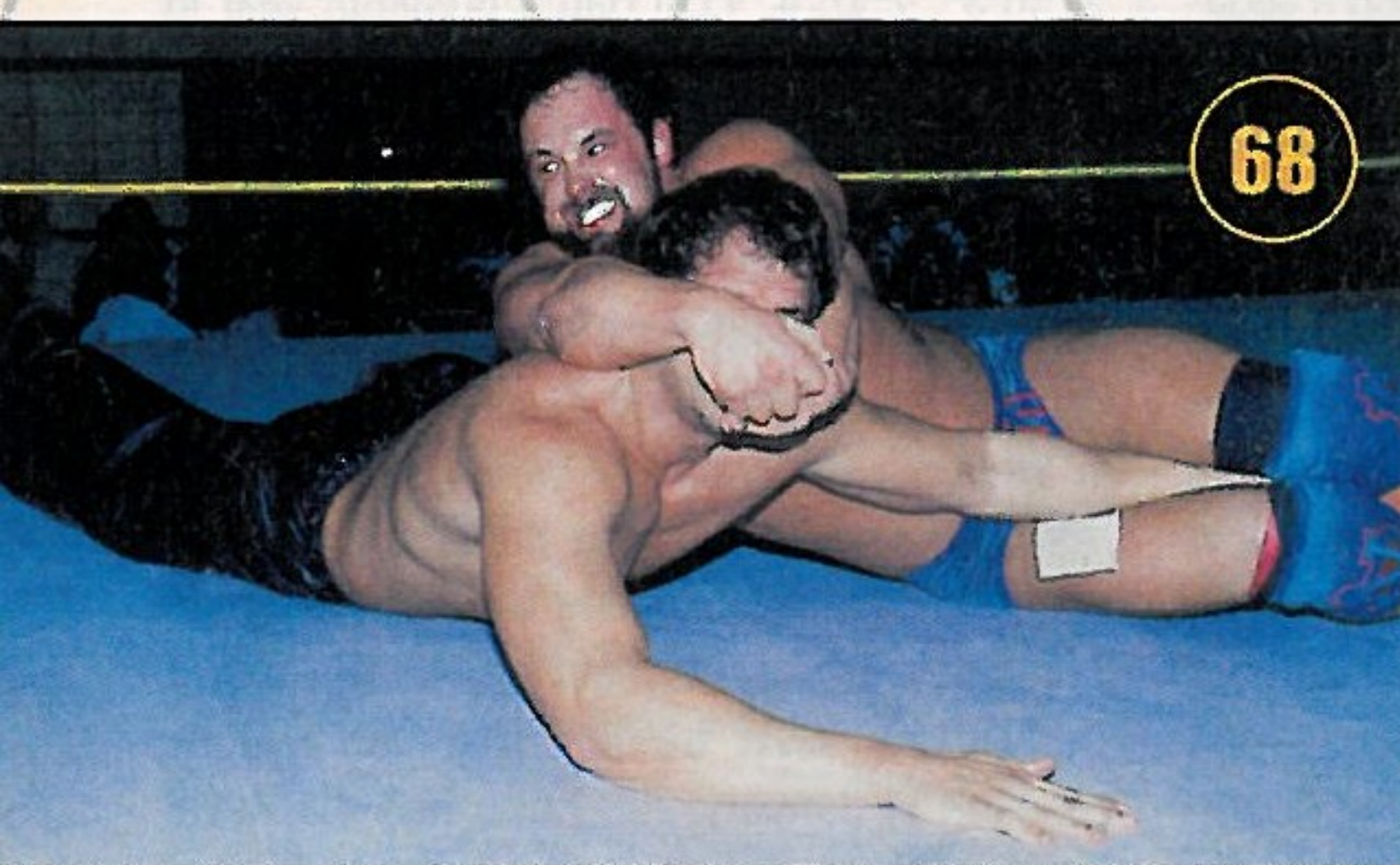
(6'3", 250, 4, 173) Had a breakout year in 2002 ... Won his third OVW heavyweight title on November 9, 2002, with a win over Nova ... Earned a slot in the 2003 Royal Rumble with the win ... Formerly a fan favorite, Damaja turned against Nick Dinsmore and Rob Conway and joined Doug Basham's Revolution in 2001 ... Basham and Damaja (under the management of Victoria) made a great tag team ... Began squabbling with Basham over which was the "alpha male" of The Revolution ... Attacked OVW trainer "Soulman" Rocky Johnson in January 2003 and had his Royal Rumble slot taken away by Jim Ross as a result ... Quit OVW as a protest, taking the title with him, but returned when Sgt. Slaughter and Jim Cornette threatened to have his WWE developmental contract voided ... Lost the OVW title in a triple threat match against Dinsmore and Basham ... Was betrayed by Basham and booted from The Revolution in favor of Rob Conway in May 2003 ... The one-time "Phenom Of OVW" recently debuted alongside "brother" Doug Basham on Smackdown ... Brain Damaja version of the seated choke-slam is absolutely devastating.



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66 JUSHIN LIGER

(5'6", 208, 20, 41) Winner of the 1995 and 2000 Super J Cups, as well as a handful of Best of the Super Junior Tournaments ... Remains the measuring stick for all others in his weight class ... Has held the IWGP junior heavyweight title 10 times in his career, and an 11th title win here in the States (in WCW) wasn't recognized in his homeland ... Now holds the IWGP junior tag title with Koji Kanemoto, as well as the Osaka Pro tag title with Takehiro Murahama ... Probably the most famous masked man in the history of *puror-esu* ... Briefly formed a junior Horsemen-like



group with Black Tiger, Chris Benoit, and El Samurai years ago ... Popped up in NOAH a few times this year ... Inventor of the Liger bomb and shooting star press ... Has been the subject of comic books, cartoons, and even a live action TV movie in Japan ... Revered for his precision palm strikes to the head and his devastating brainbusters.

67 WILLIAM REGAL

(6'4", 257, 19, 20) Became a successful tag team specialist after WWE eliminated the European title ... He and the rest of The Un-Americans lost to Buh Buh Ray Dudley, Booker T, Goldust, and Kane at last year's Unforgiven ... Left out of Rebellion, held last November, which said a lot for WWE's view of him as a draw ... Recovered from the Un-Americans flop to form an effective team with Lance Storm ... They beat Booker T and Goldust for the Raw tag team title on January 6 ... Regal and Storm lost the belts to The Dudley Boyz at the Royal Rumble ... Chief Morley engineered a farce of a match to give the straps back to Regal and Storm the following night ... Forced to surrender his half of the championship on March 24 due to illness ... The viral infection is said to affect his cardiovascular system ... His odds of ever returning to WWE as an active competitor didn't look great as

of press time ... Often considered the definitive WWE European champion ... Could still be a vital part of the company by helping to train future stars in mat grappling or as a road agent.

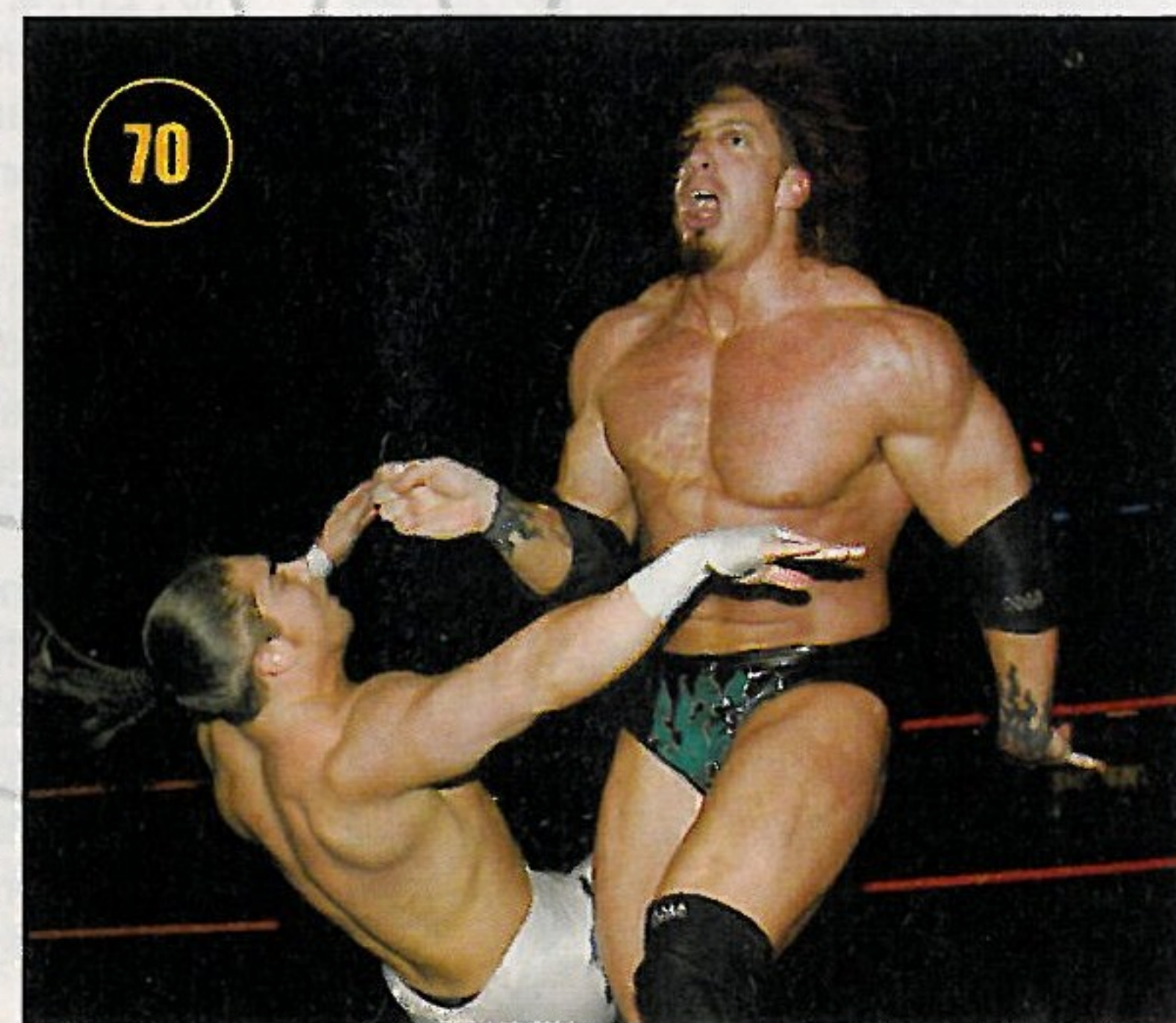
68 NICK DINSMORE

(6', 226, 8, 100) "Mr. Wrestling" Nick Dinsmore has been called "The Franchise" of Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Widely considered to be the most technically gifted wrestler in OVW ... Actually went move-for-move with Chris Benoit on January 31, 2001 ... After the match, Benoit said Dinsmore was as good as Jim Cornette said he was ... Awarded a developmental deal after beating Al Snow in June 2000 ... Has wrestled dozens of WWE dark matches and could start with WWE full-time anytime now ... Six-time OVW champion and three-time tag team champion with "Iron Man" Rob Conway ... Defeated Revolution members Doug Basham and The Damaja in a three-way match (largely a two-on-one handicap match) to regain the OVW title on February 22, 2003 ... Lost the OVW title to arch-enemy

Basham in an incredible best-of-three-falls match on April 9, 2003 ... The Basham-Dinsmore match has been called the independent match of the year for 2003 by many who saw it ... An accomplished amateur wrestler, he has patterned his style after The Dynamite Kid ... Ring style also is reminiscent of Dean Malenko in that Dinsmore has dozens of submission holds at his disposal.

69 D-VON DUDLEY

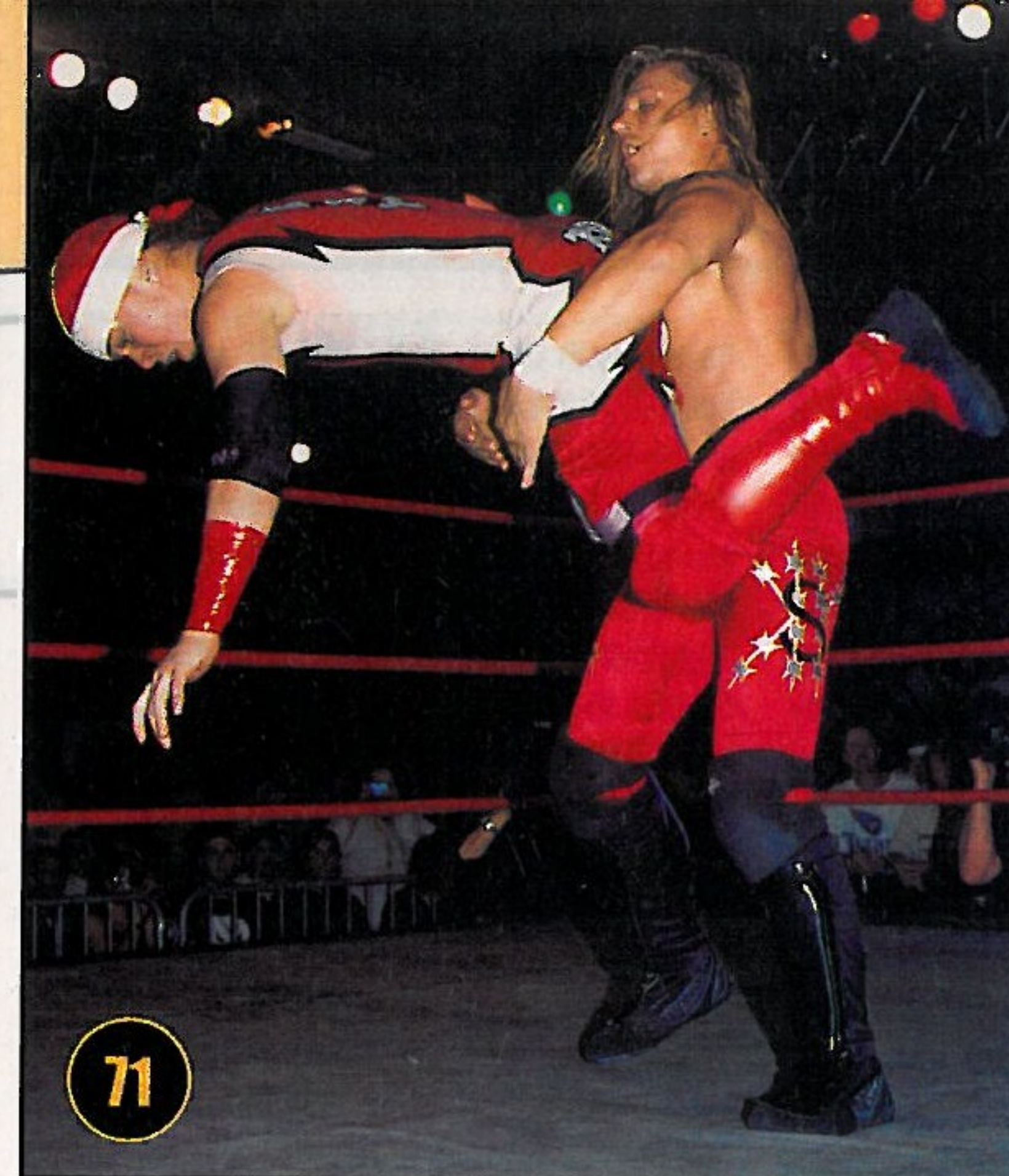
(6'1", 260, 9, NL) His Rev. D-Von persona was a flop on Smackdown and did nothing but hold down his protege, Deacon Batista ... That's what happens when a character is derived completely from a one-word catchphrase ... *Testify!* ... Tried to regain his toughness by teaming with Ron Simmons ... Their only high-profile bout occurred at Rebellion, held last November in the U.K., where they beat Chuck Palumbo and The Big Valbowski (Val Venis) ... Switched to Raw as part of the trade to send The Big Show to Smackdown ...



Helped half-brothers Buh Buh Ray and Spike, as well as Jeff Hardy, beat Three Minute Warning and Rico in a six-man tables elimination match at Survivor Series ... Teamed with Buh Buh Ray to defeat William Regal and Lance Storm for the WWE Raw tag team title at the Royal Rumble ... Chief Morley (Val Venis) helped Regal and Storm regain the belts the following night ... Forced to become a stooge for the Bischoff administration for a while to keep his job ... Freddie Blassie told him to "get the tables" in his final public appearance before his death ... Unintentionally left out of the 2002 "PWI 500" ... Thanks for not getting the tables, D-Von.

70 SEAN O'HAIRE

(6'6", 270, 3, 71) Gained name recognition in WWE this year, although his in-ring readiness has been brought into question ... Promoted from Ohio Valley to Smackdown, where he began to develop an interesting character ... Seemed to be based loosely on the Devil, as O'Haire sneakily talked superstars into doing things against their better judgment ... His creativity was stifled when he became a bodyguard for Roddy Piper, who returned to WWE in April ... Beat Rikishi at Backlash for his biggest win in WWE ... Formed a team with the veteran Piper and, not surprisingly, did most of the in-ring work ... In fact, they lost to Smackdown tag team champions Eddie Guerrero and Tajiri in short order ... Left to find his own niche after WWE released Piper on June 25 ... Utilizes a power-based style, yet has solid high-flying and kickboxing skills ... A former WCW World tag team champion ... Rose to prominence as part of The Natural Born Thrillers ... Would be a natural ally of John Cena, who was his teammate while both were members of OVW's Bolin Services.



71 KID KASH

(5'10", 200, 13, NL) The former NWA-TNA X division champion is also a former ECW TV champion ... In Kash's own words, "It took me more than a decade to become an overnight sensation" ... Caught the eye of Rob Van Dam in ECW and became RVD's unofficial protege ... Had his hands full with Rhyno ... Wasn't offered a contract by the WWF when ECW folded and spent most of the next year working the independent scene ... Wrestled as Kid Krash in the tapings for the fledgling XWF, capturing that promotion's light heavyweight title ... Has wrestled some of the biggest names in wrestling ... Captured the coveted TNA X title and proved to be a dominant champion ... Briefly managed by Trinity, though the two rarely saw eye-to-eye ... Kash boasts a diverse style, mixing high-risk aerial maneuvers with solid mat wrestling and heel tactics when the situation calls for it ... Has feuded with The Amazing Red and Sonny Siaki, among others ... Lost the X title to Red on April 30, 2003 ... Has developed into one of TNA's brightest stars.

72 CHUCK PALUMBO

(6'6", 256, 3, 37) His thug-like persona in The Full-Blooded Italians is a far cry from his days with Billy Gunn, when he was wearing braids and skipping around like Heidi ... Unfortunately, his new macho image hasn't resulted in championship gold, unlike 2001 and '02, when he held the WCW and WWF world tag team titles ... He and Gunn lost to Three Minute Warning at Unforgiven, resulting in Smackdown General Manager Stephanie McMahon being forced to participate in HLA, although, in a complicated twist, Raw GM Eric Bischoff received a Rikishi stinkface instead ... Forced to find a new niche after Gunn was sidelined due to a serious rotator cuff injury

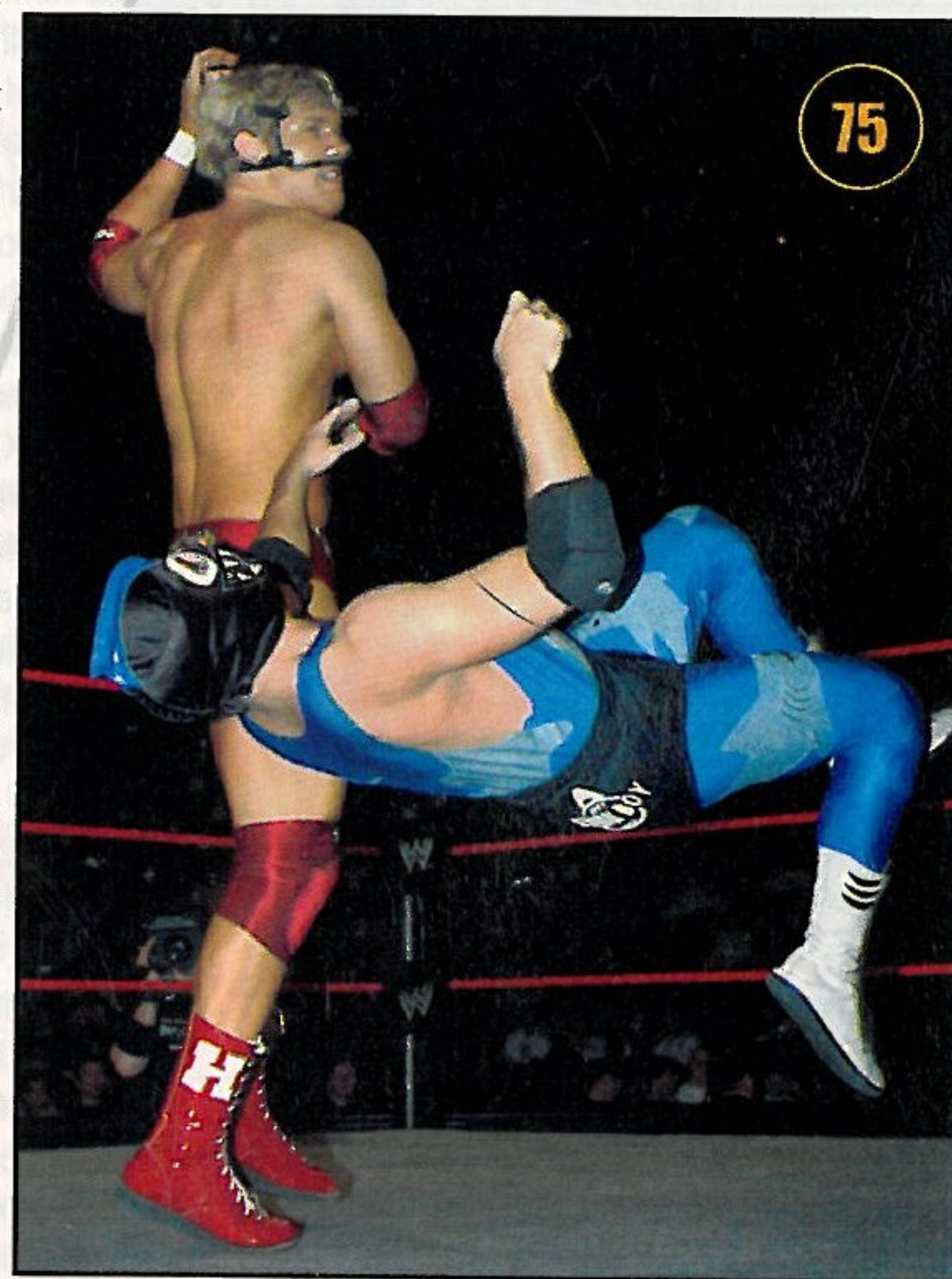
... Joined Nunzio and Johnny Stamboli in the FBI ... Helped Nunzio and Stamboli lay out Nathan Jones at WrestleMania XIX, earning the wrath of The Undertaker ... Seems out of his element on Smackdown shows, where the cruiser-weight and tag team divisions emphasize speed and agility, not size and power ... Wonder what Nunzio and Stamboli are thinking about their *paisan* when they see "Mr. Ass" backstage.

73 CHRIS HARRIS

(6'2", 238, 2, NL) "The Wildcat" has formed an impressive tag team with James Storm in NWA-TNA ... America's Most Wanted has been one of the most popular and most successful teams in the promotion ... The Cincinnati native has one of the most effective lariats in wrestling ... Harris and Storm came of age in their bloody feud against The Disciples of the New Church ... Initially was reluctant to team with Storm, but now admits pairing them was a brilliant move ... Was negotiating a deal with WCW when the promotion was sold ... Cites AMW's match against The Rock 'n' Roll Express as one of the highlights of his career ... Despite their success, Harris and Storm have been known to argue openly, and commentators Don West and Mike Tenay always point out the friction in the team ... Also has impressive aerial skills and is known to fly off the top rope.

74 SATOSHI KOJIMA

(6', 243, 12, 31) Former New Japan mid-card sensation became a bona fide *puroresu* superstar by jumping to All-Japan ... A former IWGP tag team champion with Hiro Yoshi Tenzan, the two were a wildly popular duo for years ... Sporadic visits to the United States have allowed him to capture and retain the MLW title ... One of Japan's most charismatic performers ... Known for his powerful lariats ... Tag team specialist has enjoyed breakout success in singles competition this year, even challenging Shinya Hashimoto for the Triple Crown ... Sometimes trans-



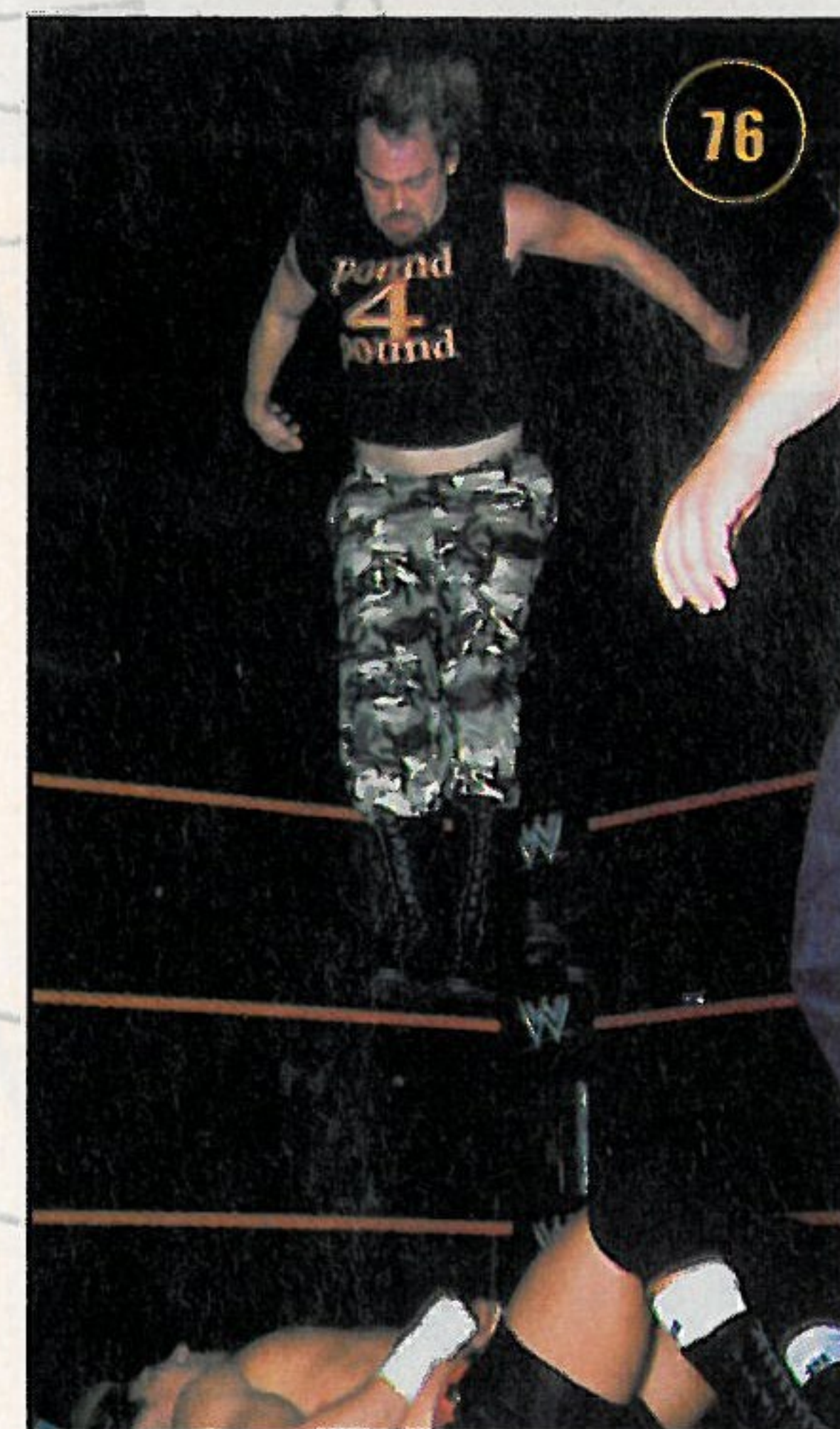
forms into the Great Kosuke, a nod to fellow wrestler Great Sasuke ... Was erroneously reported to have left All-Japan in a report that caused some controversy in the spring ... The Rydeen bomb is his signature finisher.

75 CHRISTOPHER NOWINSKI

(6'4", 250, 2, NL) The Raw creative team must find joy in putting Nowinski in situations in which he doesn't belong ... That would explain his two hardcore title reigns in 2002 ... To his credit, Nowinski seems to head into those situations with relish ... Injured during a classroom brawl (really) with Tommy Dreamer ... Claimed to have undergone expensive facial surgery and has thus worn a steel nose guard for most of the year, but that has become a weapon against his opponents rather than a rehabilitative device ... His rivalry with fellow *Tough Enough* alum Maven, who actually won the competition, seems to have no end ... One of the funnier moments on *Raw* occurred when Nowinski squared off against Scott Steiner in a geopolitical debate concerning the looming Iraq War ... Graduated from Harvard University, but then again, he already told you that ... Found an unlikely mentor in Theodore Long, who has paired him with Rodney Mack ... The "White Boy Challenge" must have been an elective at Harvard ... Should be a contender to the Intercontinental title in the upcoming year.

76 SPIKE DUDLEY

(5'7", 155, 8, 85) Found out how little shelf life there is to an underdog role in WWE ... If he doesn't believe it, all he has to do is ask Crash Holly ... Captured the hardcore title seven times in 2002 ... Teamed with Buh Buh Ray Dudley and Jeff Hardy to beat Three Minute Warning and Rico in a six-man tables elimination match at Survivor Series ... Unfortunately, D-Von jumped to the Raw brand that night, squeezing him out as Buh Buh Ray's regular partner ... He and his half-brothers defeated Christopher Nowinski, Rodney Mack, and Teddy Long at Insurrexion, held in the U.K. in June ... As a former substitute teacher, maybe he can get used to being a substitute partner ... No word on whether he's still interested in Molly Holly, who is acting slightly more down-to-earth these days ... His Dudley dog is one of the most exciting finishing maneuvers of any wrestler on the Raw brand ... A former WWE World tag team champion ... Got his start in the California indies ... Should lobby for a trade to Smackdown, where he could be a threat to Rey Misterio Jr.'s cruiserweight belt.



77 JAMES STORM

(6', 225, 2, NL) Once perceived as a bumbling cowboy, Storm has come of age in NWA-TNA ... He and "Wildcat" Chris Harris are known as America's Most Wanted ... "The Tennessee

Cowboy" ditched the overcoat and 10-gallon hat to work harder at perfecting his wrestling game ... Strong technical

wrestler with an impressive version of the sharp-shooter ... America's Most Wanted survived a bloody feud against The Disciples of the New Church in 2002 ... Ironically, he was trained by Slash from The New Church ... Likes to say 2002 was the Year of the Storm, but we expect he'll probably say the same thing about 2003 ... Storm says he and Harris aren't a complete mismatch—they share a love for beer, women, and fistfighting ... Briefly served as a member of R & B Security, the crack security outfit that protected (or at least tried to protect) Vince Russo and Eric Bischoff in WCW ... Missed a year of action after suffering a compound fracture in his shoulder after hitting a stiff clothesline ... Has his sights set on becoming a tag team legend alongside Harris ... That doesn't mean the two always see eye-to-eye, however.

78 BILLY KIDMAN

(5'10", 195, 8, 53) Didn't have many opportunities to test his perennial rival, Rey Misterio Jr., because he missed so much of 2003 ... Teamed with Torrie Wilson to defeat John Cena and Dawn Marie at Rebellion, held in the U.K. last November ... Pinned Jamie Noble for the WWE cruiserweight title at Survivor Series ... Lost the belt to Matt Hardy at No Way Out, held in Montreal ... Injured himself while attempting his finishing move, the shooting star press, and missed the next several months ... Sat back while his fiancée, Wilson, achieved greater fame as a *Playboy* cover girl ... Caused a bit of controversy during a wwe.com interview by remarking that Brock Lesnar had been "quite disrespectful" to use Kidman's apparently patented shooting star press against Smackdown champ Kurt Angle at WrestleMania XIX ... Appeared in the front row at a couple of Smackdown tapings with lovely ladies on either side of him ... Wonder what he thinks of Torrie's new on-air relationship with Billy Gunn ... Smackdown could be headed for another Sable-Marc Mero situation.

79 NUNZIO

(5'9", 201, 12, 188) Went from being a standout on the Northeast independent circuit to being a regular on Smackdown ... Previously known as Little Guido and Little Guido Maritato ... Introduced to Smackdown as the cousin of Jamie Noble ... We always envisioned him as a tough guy on the streets, not the resident of a trailer park ... Soon re-formed The Full-Blooded

Italians with Chuck Palumbo and Johnny Stamboli ... That's more realistic (but not as funny) as the ECW version, which included non-Italians Tracey Smothers and Tommy Rich ... Orchestrated an attack on Nathan Jones at WrestleMania XIX, leaving an angry Undertaker without a partner against The Big Show and A-Train ... Seems to be headed for a feud with Spanky, who put laxatives in Palumbo and Stamboli's pizza on *Velocity* ... Should push WWE to let ex-ECW partner Tony Mamaluke to rejoin his clique ... Trained by Hall of Famer Billy Robinson ... Recognized as one of the best shooters in the business ... A former ECW World tag team champion ... His ground attack gives him a major weapon against WWE cruiserweight champion Rey Misterio Jr.

80 D-LO BROWN

(6'3", 281, 10, 98) After months in the doldrums, Brown finally started to turn things around under the management of Theodore Long ... Long demanded that fans "get down with the Brown." If they didn't, they were racists, simple as that ... After receiving his release from WWE, Brown wrestled in several indy promotions, including Ontario's Border City Wrestling ... Beat Johnny Swinger to win the BCW title ... Despite the WWE heel turn under Long, Brown received a hero's welcome in NWA-TNA ... Quickly established himself as a top contender for the NWA title, but has been unable to topple Jarrett and take the belt ... Teamed with Jeff Jarrett and Dusty Rhodes to beat Erik Watts, Brian Lawler, and David Flair ... Was awarded a NWA title shot against Jarrett if he agreed to join the heel SEX group if he won ... Sustained a concussion from a Jarrett chair shot in the title match ... Defeated Gangrel to unify the BCW and Maximum Pro Wrestling titles ... Formed a promising tag team with A.J. Styles, but the two have since separated to pursue their individual goals.

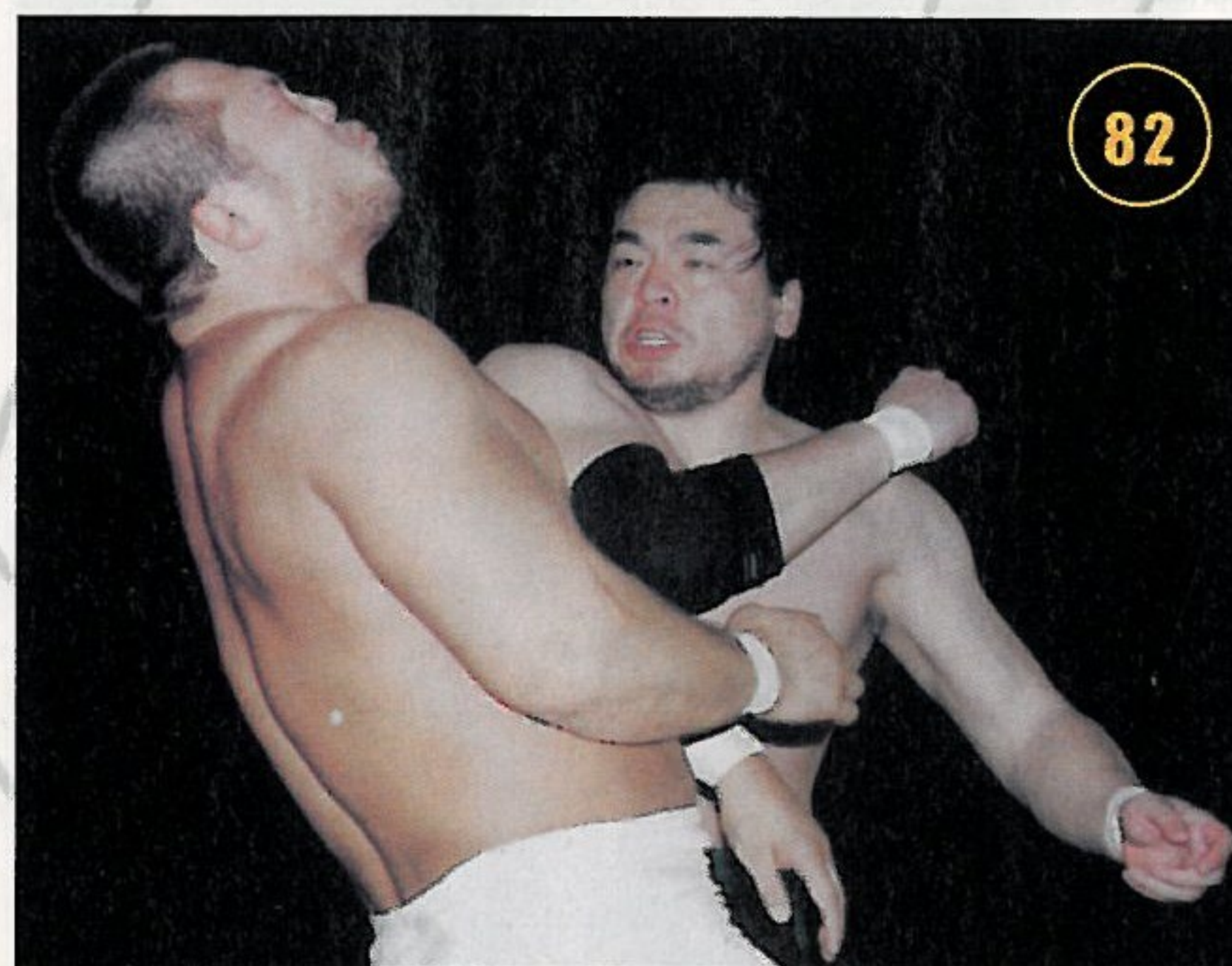


81 BRIAN LAWLER

(5'10", 228, 14, 105) A 14-year veteran of the sport at only 31 years old ... As Grandmaster Sexay, was part of Too Cool with Scotty Too Hotty ... Though they held the WWF tag title, he seemed to be more concerned with clowning around than winning belts ... Was released from the WWF when he was busted for drug possession when crossing the border into Canada last year ... The change of scenery reinvigorated Jerry Lawler's son ... In April 2002, wrestled for the World Wrestling All-Stars title in a match involving Scott Steiner, Nathan Jones, and Jeff Jarrett ... Jones won ... Toiled on the independent circuit until NWA-TNA came along ... Joined NWA-TNA in 2002 and feuded with fellow rapper Ron Killings ... Officially changed his ring name to Brian Lawler, revealing wrestling's worst-kept secret ... Began abusing his girlfriend, April, when he became convinced she was cheating on him ... Feuded with Syxx-Pac (Sean Waltman) over April and didn't fare particularly well ... Quit NWA-TNA in November but returned in February alongside fellow second-generation wrestlers David Flair and Erik Watts ... Lost a ladder match to the venerable Dusty Rhodes when Nikita Koloff interfered ... Still uses the hiphop drop and the missile dropkick as his primary finishers, only he doesn't win as often as he'd like.

82 MITSU HARU MISAWA

(5'11", 228, 23, 18) Founder and top star of the NOAH group made his name in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... The definitive Japanese heavyweight of the 1990s ... Former Triple Crown champion as well as a Global Honored Crown champ ... Began his career as the second Tiger Mask in the 1980s ... Has slowed down considerably since then, thanks to years of hard match-



es and recurring injuries ... Long feuds with men like Jumbo Tsuruta, Toshiaki Kawada, and Jun Akiyama revolutionized *puroresu* ... Had his final singles confrontation with age-old rival Kenta Kobashi in March, and the two delivered a true classic that will stand the test of time ... Feared for his trademark elbow strike ... Historic first appearance in New Japan last year yielded a time-limit draw with Masa Chono ... Inventor of the emerald erosion, his pet finisher.

83 KENDO KA SHIN

(5'9", 195, 11, 22) Former New Japan star was a mid-card attraction for years with the company before trying his hand at mixed martial arts competition ... Joined All-Japan last January with Keiji Muto and Satoshi Kojima and instantly rose to greater fame and captured the junior heavyweight title ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight champ who won the Best of the Super Junior Tournament in New Japan as well, and then donated his winnings to war orphans in Eastern Europe ... Rival of Kaz Hayashi, Gran Naniwa, and Gran Hamada, all of whom are former Michinoku Pro stars ... Has international experience, including some training in Europe under William Regal ... Struggled for years as Tokimitsu Ishizawa before donning a mask and changing his name ... Favorite hold is the *jujigatamae* armbar, which he can apply from virtually any angle, even in the very beginning of a match.

84 REY BUCANERO

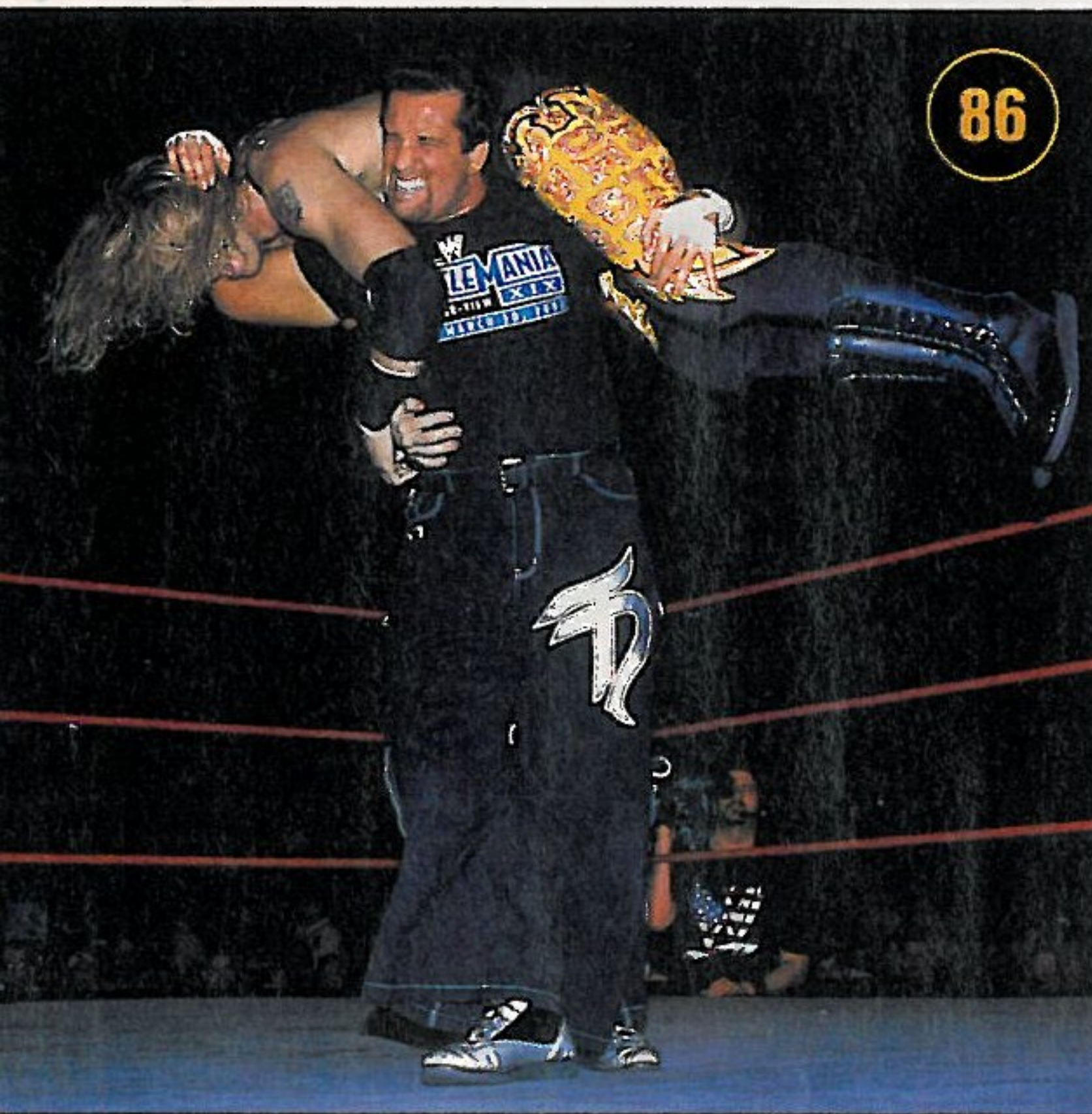
(5'11", 197, 9, 66) One-half of Mexico's hottest duo with Ultimo Guerrero—they are known as Los Infernos del Ring ... Learned the ropes as Pirata Morgan's partner before losing his mask and adopting a new ring style ... Part of the new Los Infernales stable when they lost that name to Satanico ... Group has since lost third member Tarzan Boy ... Easily in the best shape of his career ... Sometimes dons face paint for his matches in Mexico ... Appeared with New Japan Pro Wrestling and the Tor-

yumon this past year, getting valuable exposure in Japan ... Heated rivalry with Gedo and Jado is far from over ... Wrestled at the Tate Modern Art Gallery in England this year to kick off an exhibit on Lucha Libre ... Battled Shocker and his allies in his native Mexico until Shocker turned *rudo* ... Top-rope power bomb finisher is as solid as they come.



85 RODNEY MACK

(6'2", 240, 5, 280) What does Rodney Mack have that D-Lo Brown does not? A job with WWE ... Seamlessly stepped into the role of Theodore Long's protege after WWE released Brown ... His harsher persona makes his character more believable ... Held the OWW Southern tag team title with Shelton Benjamin before the two were promoted to WWE ... The husband of Jazz, who is also his stablemate ... Issued the "White Boy Challenge" on *Raw* ... Defeated one hard-luck Caucasian after another ... Formed an odd, but effective team with Christopher Nowinski ... They upset The Dudley Boyz at Bad Blood, when Long distracted D-Von ... His undefeated streak on *Raw* ended when Bill Goldberg accepted the "White Boy Challenge" ... Goldberg speared Mack out of the pyrotechnics and defeated him within seconds ... Played football at the University of Arkansas at Monticello, where he was a nose guard ... Like Nowinski, needs another one of those ... Uses the thump powerslam and headbutt as tributes to his original trainer, Junkyard Dog.



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86 TOMMY DREAMER

(6'3", 265, 14, 78) Every time it is thought that Dreamer is winding down his career, he becomes involved in another angle, usually with an up-and-comer ... Once aspired to be a WWE road agent, and has helped the Raw creative team ... Held the hardcore title 15 times in 2002 ... His push isn't as strong as last year, when he was swallowing The Undertaker's tobacco juice and his own vomit ... Competes regularly on both *Raw* and *Sunday Night Heat* ... Singapore cane is still a crowd favorite ... Injured Christopher Nowinski in a classroom brawl ... Career has lasted longer than expected, considering the herniated disks that plagued him while in ECW ... Then again, competing in WWE is less punishing than ECW's hardcore style ... Finisher is the Spiccoli driver ... Not allowed to use his piledriver in WWE ... Hails from Yonkers, New York ... Considered one of the friendliest guys in the business away from the ring ... A former ECW World champion.

87 STEVE CORINO

(6'1", 229, 9, 104) "The King Of Old School" could now refer to himself as "The King Of The World," but Leonardo Spanky took it first in Zero-One ... Has developed into a top-level foreigner in Zero-One and now spends most of his time in Japan ... When he is stateside, he competes all over the country ... Leader of The Group in Ring of Honor, which feuded with Christopher Daniels

and The Prophecy ... Won his first Japanese title this year, the USA title from Masato Tanaka on January 6 ... Held the PWF universal title for a matter of minutes in February. He defeated Mikey Whipwreck, but then foolishly issued an open challenge and was defeated by Justin Credible ... Frequently tags with C.W. Anderson in Japan and the PWF ... Also a member of The Extreme Horsemen in Major League Wrestling ... A former NWA heavyweight and ECW World champion ... Has appeared in NWA-TNA several times ... Is sometimes seconded by his young son, Colby, in Japan.

88 MAVEN

(6'2", 210, 2, 107) Failed to regain his momentum since breaking his leg while attempting a baseball slide last year ... Didn't return to Smackdown, where he could have resumed his feud with Tajiri and pursued his blossoming relationship with Torrie Wilson ... Redirected to Raw instead ... Talk about a string of bad luck ... Began feuding with Christopher Nowinski, a rival from their days on *Tough Enough I* ... Must be getting the feeling that Nowinski is progressing farther, although it was Maven who won *Tough Enough* ... Spent time in Ohio Valley, where he rehabilitated his leg and honed his ring skills ... Still receives a great reaction from the crowd, although *Tough Enough* was a couple of years ago ... They must sense that he's a decent, hard-working, and personable kid ... Should emerge as a contender to the Intercontinental title in the upcoming year ... At least he won't be wasting his time in the hardcore division, although he did win that belt three times in 2002.

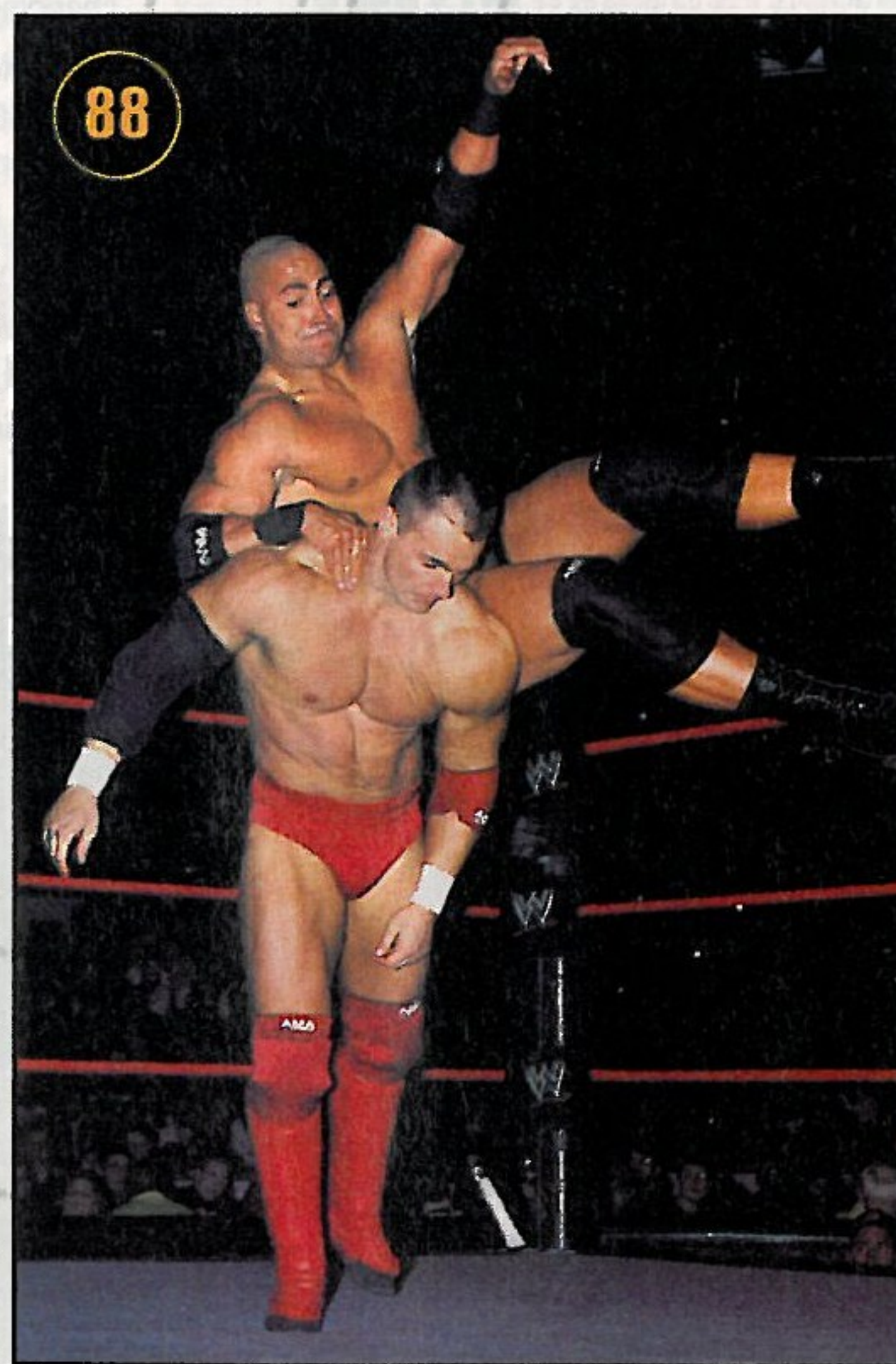
89 TIGER MASK IV

(5'7", 178, 13, 79) Left his training grounds of Michinoku Pro for the greener pastures of New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Captured the IWGP junior title from Koji Kanemoto, who was the third Tiger Mask ... Follows in the proud tradition of men like Satoru Sayama and Mitsuharu Misawa ... Won the Apex of Triangle title with Gran Hamada and The Great Saisuke a few years back; it was one of the

very first Japanese trios titles ... Style, grace, and speed are amazingly similar to the original Tiger Mask's ... Couldn't get past Jushin Liger in the 2000 Super J-Cup, but might have a chance to avenge that singles loss in a New Japan ring ... Has pinpoint accuracy with his array of kicks to the head and chest ... Originated the millennium suplex hold, a German-style suplex executed while holding a chicken wing crossface, but prefers the Tiger suplex as a finishing maneuver.

90 JUVENTUD GUERRERA

(5'5", 169, 11, 111) "The Juice" is once again counted among Mexico's top stars, thanks to his repeated challenges for Felino's CMLL welterweight title, which have resulted in a string of hot matches ... Hasn't been able to capture the title from the veteran champ ... Comfortable in the rings of EMLL, the regular stomping grounds of Fuerza Guerrera, his father ... Sometimes mocks the mannerisms of The Rock in his interviews and matches ... This high-flyer appears all over the globe, from the United States to Europe ... Regularly competed in XPW in 2003 ... A three-time former WCW cruiserweight champion who got his start in AAA alongside breakout stars like Psicosis and Rey Misterio Jr ... Lost his mask to Chris Jericho at SuperBrawl VIII, back in 1998 ... Favorite moves include the Michinoku "Juvi" driver and the 450 splash.



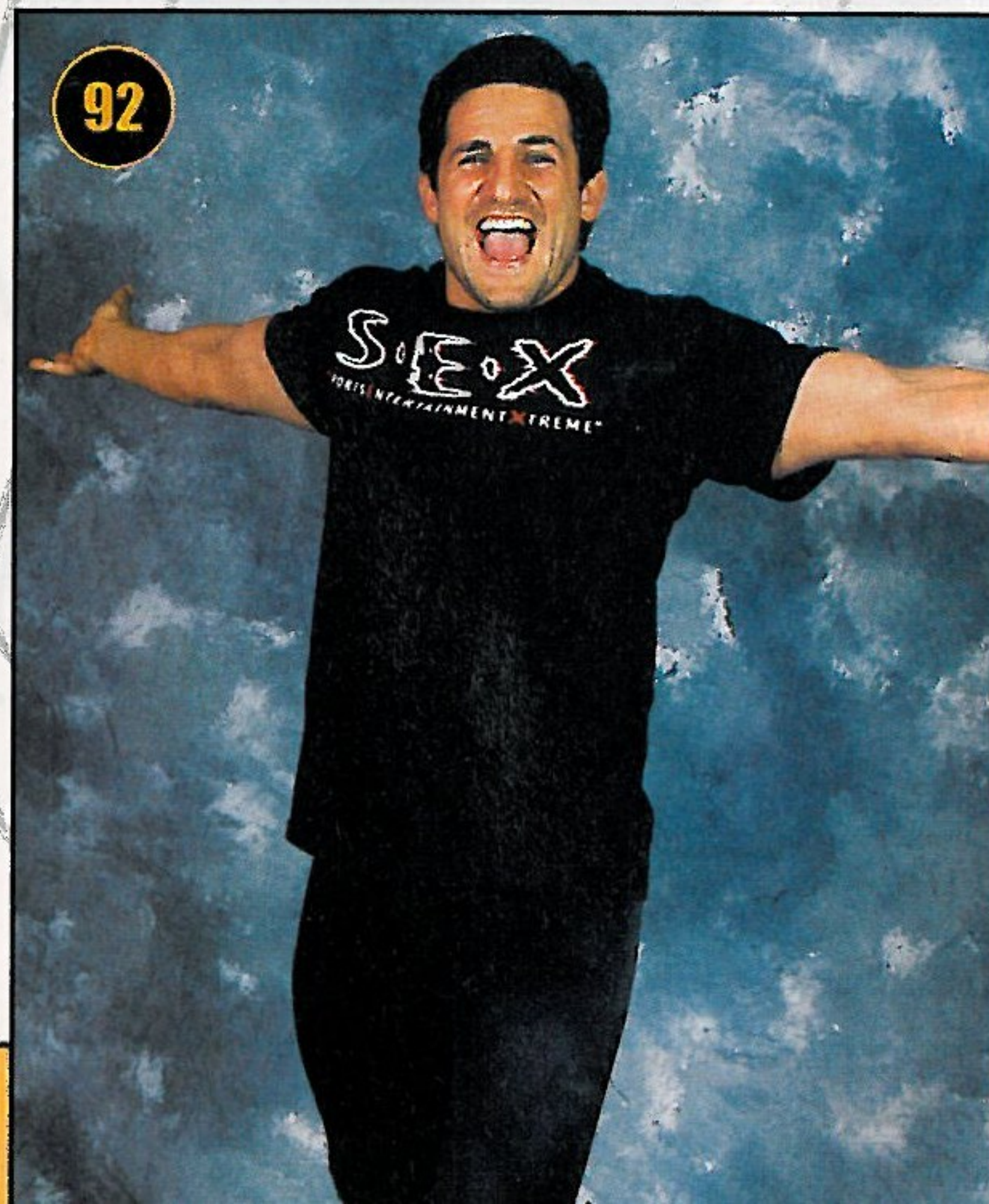
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91 SHANNON MOORE

(5'10", 177, 8, 67) Idolized fellow Cameron, North Carolina, native Matt Hardy, leading him to become a "Mattitude follower" ... His sidekick role gave him higher-profile matches on *Smackdown*, instead of relegating him solely to *Velocity* ... Unfortunately, Moore fell victim to Brock Lesnar's wrath during one of those bouts ... Hardy often blamed him for their losses in both singles and tag team competition ... Spent much of 2002-'03 pleading for Hardy's forgiveness ... Teamed with new "Mattitude follower" Crash Holly in the spring and early-summer of '03 ... Showed signs of splitting with Hardy by July ... Would have been better off if he could have remained a "Hurricane follower" ... A talented aerialist with a very high dropkick ... Rose to prominence as a member of Three Count in WCW ... Competed in the Heartland Wrestling Association and Music City Wrestling in the past ... A former HWA cruiserweight champion ... Not goofy enough to succeed in the underdog role he has established on Smackdown shows.

92 GLENN GILBERTI

(6', 234, 12, NL) Ditched his Disco Inferno gimmick in most promotions and began wrestling under his real name in NWA-TNA ... Still has the same obnoxious personality, however ... Served as a solid mid-carder during World Wrestling All-Stars' tours of Europe and Australia ... Valued as an important behind-the-scenes contributor in both WWA and TNA ... Capable of doing good color commentary ... Emerged as the new leader of Sports Entertainment Xtreme when Vince Russo opted to spend more time with his family ...



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Became an unlikely main-eventer in TNA ... Failed to beat NWA champion Jeff Jarrett and seemed out of place that high on the card ... His version of the stunner remains a formidable finishing maneuver ... Held the WCW World tag team, cruiserweight, and TV titles in the past ... Has wrestled under the monikers "Disco" and "The Boogie Man" ... Fans might be unwilling to accept him as a top-tier star because he portrayed a comedic character for so long.

93 BILL DEMOTT

(5'10", 310, 13, 139) Surpassed Al Snow as the most compelling trainer on *Tough Enough III* ... Displayed his locker room reputation as a dedicated wrestler with a sense of humor ... Previously known as Hugh Morris ... Spent much of last year helping to train wrestlers in WWE's developmental program ... Went to Smackdown after *Tough Enough III* was over, and he began competing under his real name ... Exhibited a no-nonsense and sadistic persona, a far cry from his Gen. Rection character in the dying days of WCW ... Performing remarkably well, considering the rash of head and knee injuries he has suffered throughout his career ... Has lost his share of matches over the past year, however ... Defeated Kanyon on *Velocity* for his biggest win of 2002-'03 ... His no laughing matter moonsault is now called no joke ... A former WCW U.S. champion ... DeMott's career seems to be in its last phase before he becomes a full-time WWE trainer or road agent.

94 LATIN LOVER

(5'8", 194, 15, 108) Muscular exotic dancer is an all-time favorite with the female fans of AAA ... Has been caught in a feud with Hector

Garza, Perro Aguayo Jr., and Heavy Metal seemingly for years ... Bloody war with Pirata Morgan resulted in some violent chain matches, including a main-event match in Texas that saw both men in need of stitches afterward ... Sometimes teams with Alebrije or the imitation La Parka—they make for a popular, colorful trio ... Never entirely out of the title picture, but hasn't had a shot at the Mexican national title in some time ... Known for his long, dark hair and cat-like reflexes ... Has wrestled all over the globe ... Favorite move is the superkick.



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95 SONNY SIAKI

(5'10", 242, 4, NL) Seemed to be on the verge of a career breakthrough when WCW was sold and he was left with nowhere to go ... Debuted in NWA-TNA as a member of The Flying Elvies, sporting King-sized mutton chops and a gaudy leisure suit ... Immediately made an impact in the X division and promised he would win that title ... Eventually began to win the respect of the fans, despite his goofy gimmick ... Finally dropped the Elvis gear to concentrate on winning the X title ... Made good on his promise on December 11, 2002, beating the veteran Jerry Lynn to win the belt ... Has surpassed Juventud Guerrera as the man with the best Rock impression in wrestling ... Lost the X title to Kid Kash on February 12, 2003 ... Siaki aligned himself with Vince Russo's heel SEX faction, along with Glenn Gilberti and The Harris Boys ... Currently managed by Desire, who happens to be a decent wrestler in her own right ... One of the most determined and intense competitors in NWA-TNA.

96 BLACK TIGER

(5'11", 215, 18, 11) Still a regular with EMLL, this third incarnation of Black Tiger is not nearly as active as he was just last year ... Has been representing Japan against a contingent of EMLL *technicos* ... Fans are clamoring for an IWGP junior heavyweight title match between him and Tiger Mask IV ... Like the previous Black Tigers, Mark Rocco and Eddie Guerrero, this man is a crafty *rudo* who isn't afraid to break the rules as he sees fit ... Sometimes emits a green mist from his mouth ... Hasn't popped up in New Japan Pro Wrestling this year ... Thick, muscular junior heavyweight is incredibly quick and, despite his size, very agile ... Tries to convince Mexican fans that he is really from Japan ... Uses a triple moonsault press from the canvas, first tumblebuckle, and second rope to finish off opponents.

97 RENE DUPREE

(6'3", 250, 2, NL) Current member of La Resistance (with Sylvan Grenier) is the latest OVW standout to make waves in WWE ... Father is former wrestler, promoter, and self-professed millionaire Emile Dupree ... Allegedly, Rene began training to be a wrestler at age 14, studying under the top tutors money could buy ... Emile paid an undisclosed sum of money to OVW manager Kenny Bolin to ensure Rene became a star in WWE, or so the story goes ... "I've seen Brock Lesnar. I've seen John Cena. I've seen Randy Orton. But after watching Rene go through his drills, I forgot about all those other pretenders," Bolin said ... In 2001, Rene won the Mr. Canada Bodybuilding national championships ... Believe it or not, the snooty Frenchman is only 20 years old ... Despite having a personal chef, claims Nitro-Tech protein bars are his favorite food ...



Dupree has an extensive video library, including vast archives of matches featuring Ric Flair, Bret Hart, and Rick Steamboat ... Has absorbed vicious beatings at the hands of Scott Steiner and Test and has gained a reputation as one of the toughest kids in WWE.

98 NOVA

(5'10", 215, 9, 138) Held the OVW heavyweight title for almost six months, finally dropping the belt to Damaja on November 9, 2002 ... The match was the final of a four-round "Run For The Rumble" series, with the winner getting a slot in WWE's Royal Rumble ... Defeated John "Prototype" Cena for the title in his very first OVW match and was a more effective champion than anyone expected ... Ring style can best be described as a mix of American, Mexican, European, and Japanese styles ... No matter what you call it, it's effective ... Claims to be one of wrestling's foremost innovators of new moves ... Has competed in each of the United States and in 10 other countries ... Teamed with Charlie Haas to win the Russ Haas Memorial Tag Team Tournament on August 31, 2002 ... Haas and Nova defeated Doug Basham and Damaja in the finals of a very emotional tournament ... First rose to prominence as a comedy wrestler in ECW ... Nova's no dummy—he holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics ... We wonder what his high school guidance counselor would think of his chosen profession ... Should make an impact in WWE soon.

99 RICO

(6', 239, 4, 103) Slowly breaking out as a singles star in the Raw brand, specifically *Sunday Night Heat* ... Entered WWE as the hairstylist for Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo ... Infuriated when Billy and Chuck had second thoughts and decided not to go through with their gay marriage on *Smackdown* ... Jumped to Raw, where he joined Three Minute Warning ... The trio lost to Buh Buh Ray Dudley, Spike Dudley, and Jeff Hardy in a tables elimination match at Survivor Series ... Eventually became frustrated with Three Minute Warning's losing ways and went solo ... Now joined

by Jackie Gayda ... Both enjoy putting on fashion shows for *Sunday Night Heat* and *Raw* viewers ... He's doing a very good impersonation of Adrian Street ... Lost to Goldust at U.K.'s Insurrection, which took place in June ... Attacked backstage by a rampaging Kane in July ... Known as Rico Costantino during his stint in Ohio Valley ... Has held the WWE World tag team and OVW heavyweight titles ... A former *American Gladiators* competitor ... Capable of being a solid and entertaining mid-card player in WWE for years to come.

100 JOHNNY STAMBOLI

(6', 245, 4, 144) A power wrestler who specializes in the hardcore style ... That suits him perfectly as a thug in The Full-Blooded Italians ... Promoted from the WWE developmental program to Raw last year ... Won the hardcore title twice ... Disappeared for a while, and joined Chuck Palumbo and Nunzio on Smackdown shows to comprise the FBI ... They attacked Nathan Jones before his scheduled match at WrestleMania XIX, prompting a feud with his partner, The Undertaker ... Competes primarily in conventional tag team and six-man bouts these days ... His finisher is a spinning DDT ... Originally from Atlanta ... Previously known as Johnny the Bull ... Held the WCW World tag team title on two occasions with Big Vito in 2000 ... Co-held the WCW hardcore title with Big Vito that same year ... Don't bother to ask ... Once suffered a broken pelvis at the hands of Terry Funk during a hardcore encounter ... Trained at WCW's Power Plant and in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... His ethnic role restricts him to mid-card status.

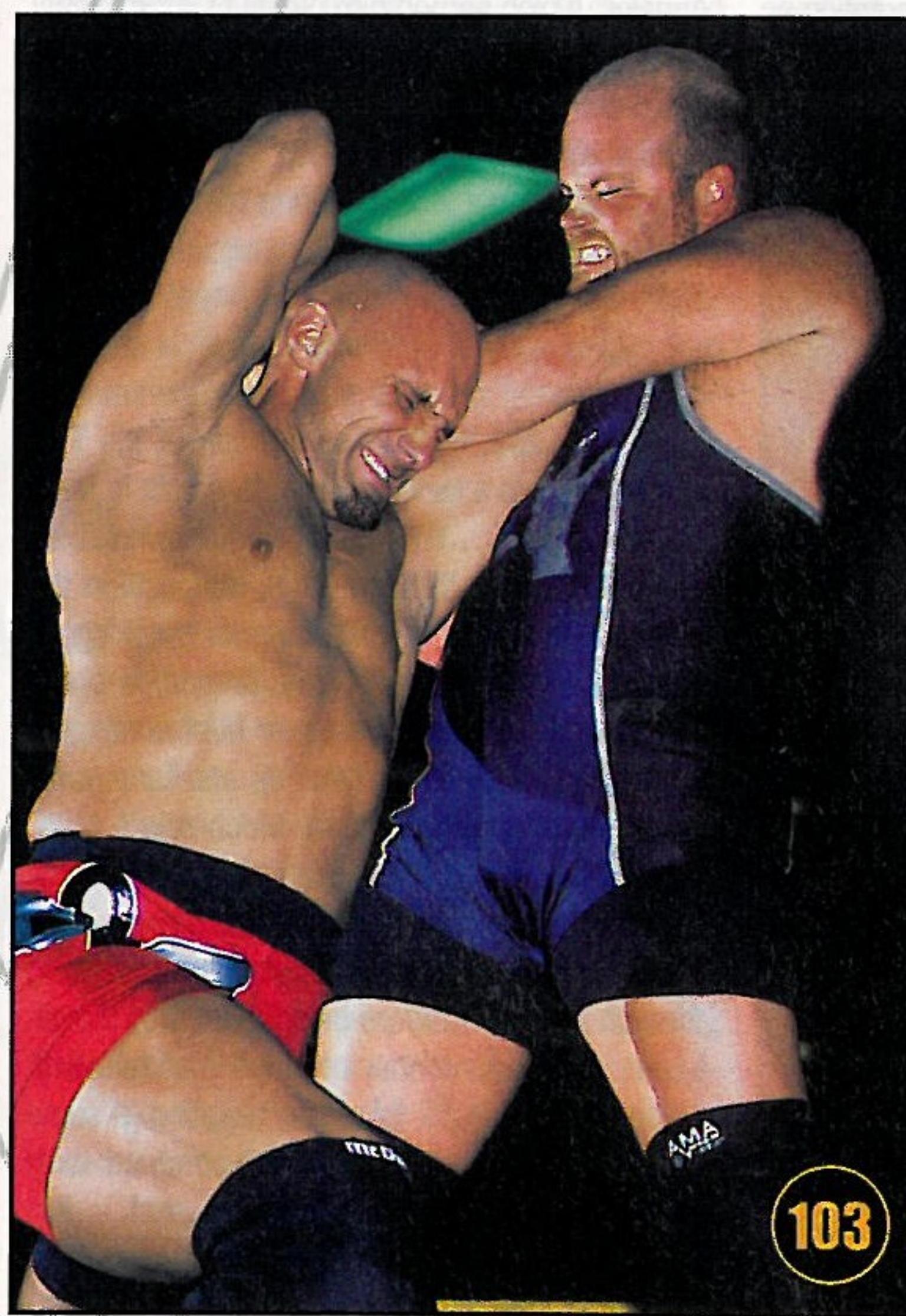


101 TAKEHIRO MURAHAMA

(5'9", 207, 4, 181) Relative newcomer captured the Osaka Pro tag title this year (with new partner Jushin Liger) from the Infinity duo of Tsubasa and Black Buffalo ... Skilled kickboxer has made a remarkable transition to the world of pro wrestling ... Helped Super Delfin, a former rival, and the other fan favorites in Osaka Pro battle the likes of Gamma and Infinity ... Originally, Osaka Pro fans hated his rough, strike-based offense, but he has won them over with consistency and hard work ... Has had outstanding matches against the likes of Minoru Tanaka and Koji Kanemoto ... Has popped up from time to time in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Gifted submission specialist has what appears to be a limitless supply of leglocks and armbars he uses to subdue opponents ... Violent brainbuster finisher is as devastating as they come.

102 DONOVAN MORGAN

(6', 220, 6, 75) Founded Pro Wrestling Iron with Mike Modest and Frank Murdoch in Hayward, California ... Wrestles a full-time schedule in Pro Wrestling NOAH, where he and Modest comprise Excellence Inc. ... Morgan and Modest competed in the tournament to determine the first Global Honored Crown tag team champs ... His preferred promotion in North America is Ring



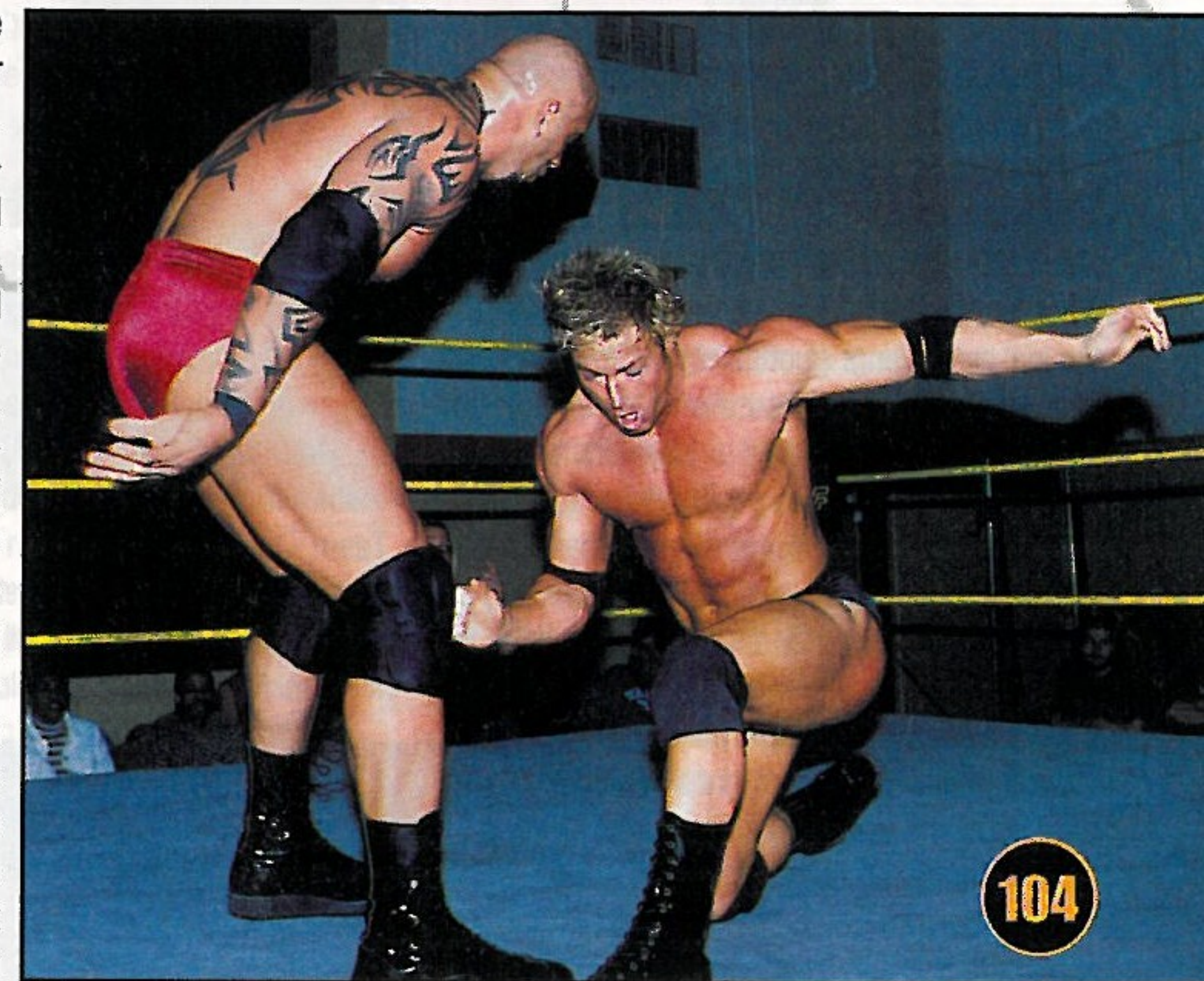
of Honor, where he has been a member of The Prophecy ... Wrestled dark matches for WWE and WCW in the past ... Has also competed in Midwest Championship Wrestling, IPW Hardcore Wrestling, New Breed Wrestling, and Missouri Renegade Wrestling ... A sitting chicken wing pile-driver is his finishing maneuver ... Style is heavily influenced by *puroresu*, which makes him stand out in North American rings ... Hometown is San Francisco, California ... Defeated A.J. Styles in the final round of the 2002 Super 8 Tournament.

103 C.W. ANDERSON

(6'1", 237, 9, 140) This "Enforcer" has become a main-event player in Zero-One, regularly touring in Japan ... Often teams with Steve Corino while in Japan and in the U.S. ... Held the Premier Wrestling Federation tag team title with Corino ... When he's not wrestling in Japan or the Northeast, C.W. can be found on Southern Championship Wrestling cards in the Carolinas and Major League Wrestling shows ... His spinebuster is still an effective finisher ... Methodical old school wrestler ... Gained prominence in the dying days of ECW.

104 ROB CONWAY

(6', 240, 6, 136) "Ironman" shocked the Ohio Valley Wrestling faithful by turning his back on long-time partner Nick Dinsmore and joining Doug Basham's Revolution ... Now one of the most hated competitors in OVW ... Teamed with Damaja and Basham against Dinsmore, Johnny Jeter, and Chris Benoit at the OVW "Spring Breakout" super-



card ... The Revolution came up short in that one ... Has signed a new multi-year WWE developmental contract and expects his big callup to WWE sometime this year ... Had a tryout match against Randy Orton on *Velocity* in June 2002, but was unable to beat the third-generation star ... Even as a fan favorite, Conway was always an arrogant jerk ... Lost to Dinsmore in the first round of the "Run To The Rumble" Tournament, in which the winner was to get a slot in the 2003 Royal Rumble ... Formed a moderately successful team with Charlie Haas in early-2003 and feuded with Lance Cade, Rene Dupree, and Christopher Nowinski ... Teamed with Dinsmore to beat Rene Dupree and Lance Cade in a WWE dark match prior to the Conway/Dinsmore breakup ... Great vertical suplex and dropkick.

105 PERRY SATURN

(5'10", 234, 14, 135) Released from WWE in November 2002, but found homes in World Wrestling All-Stars, Japan, and NWA-TNA ... Returned to his roots, so to speak, by joining Sandman and New Jack in a mini-ECW reunion ... Hasn't fared as well as his Radicals partners, Chris Benoit, Eddie Guerrero, and Dean Malenko ... A former tag team specialist who won the WCW and ECW tag team titles ... Still uses the Rings of Saturn as a finisher ... Best known as one-half of The Eliminators with John Kronus in ECW ... Has never made brilliant career choices ... Chose a mop over the vivacious Terri in WWE ... Compact build makes him a tough man to beat in a fight ... Constantly adding tattoos to his body ... Wonder if he has one to honor the memory of Moppy.

hailing from "20,000 leagues under the sea" ... Loves his "schools" of fans.

106 STEVEN RICHARDS

(6'2", 227, 11, 93) WWE has yet to figure out what to do with Steven Richards ... Very entertaining as Raven's goofball friend in ECW, and also showed promise as the uptight leader of Right To Censor in WWE ... Now portraying an oversexed maniac, along with Victoria ... Captured the hardcore title more times than anyone in 2002, a staggering 21 times ... Developed an odd relationship with Jazz just before a knee injury forced her from Raw last year ... Pursued the same kind of partnership with Victoria ... It's the closest that a WWE diva has come to having a male valet ... Interfered on Victoria's behalf at WrestleMania XIX, although it wasn't enough to prevent Trish Stratus from winning her women's title in a three-way match also involving Jazz ... This master of the superkick competes in mixed tag team matches and doesn't hesitate to hit the ladies, especially if it's Stratus ... Stuck in a bit of a rut, but has recently claimed to be, of all things, the king of *Sunday Night Heat* ... His new hot-pink tights say it all: "Stevie Night Heat."

107 SHARK BOY

(5'10", 180, 6, 155) Maintained his reputation as one of the busiest independent wrestlers in the world by competing in NWA-TNA, World Wrestling All-Stars, and Xtreme Pro Wrestling, among other promotions ... The finned star's six-year career hit a high point when he wrestled in several WWE dark matches ... Lost a close match to Chris Canyon, prompting the Pittsburgh fans to continue chanting, "We want Shark Boy!" throughout the night ... Received similar reactions during his XPW appearances in Philadelphia and Los Angeles ... Spent six weeks touring Europe ... His finishing maneuver is the Dead Sea drop ... Regularly appears on NWA-TNA pay-per-views, where he is now the unlikely teammate of New Jack ... Also participated in a WWA pay-per-view taped in Glasgow, Scotland ... First rose to prominence in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Billed as

108 ELIX SKIPPER

(5'10", 228, 3, NL) Former WCW cruiserweight champion is now a card-carrying member of Sports Entertainment Xtreme ... Played professional football in the Canadian Football League ... Graduated from the WCW Power Plant and made his debut as a member of Lance Storm's Team Canada, even though he was born in the United States ... Has competed as Dark Guerrero and The Extreme Blade in All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Wrestled for the X division title but has been



unable to take the gold ... Teamed with fellow SEXer Low-Ki to win the NWA tag title from America's Most Wanted on January 22, 2003 ... Lost the title but regained it with Christopher Daniels as his partner ... Building a reputation as one of the most underrated technicians in NWA-TNA ... Skipper is in tremendous shape and can



go 60 minutes on any given night ... An avid student of the game, he has learned a lot from technical masters like Storm and Daniels ... Style is similar to that of WWE's Shelton Benjamin, but he uses more moves off the top rope.

109 HEAVY METAL

(5'7", 181, 15, 112) Regular star of AAA has been plying his trade there for more than a decade now ... Long-haired power wrestler is a great brawler, but still takes to the air when needed ... Son of legendary referee Pepe Casas, who often gets embroiled in his son's feuds ... Almost lost his dad's hair in a strange matchup of

wrestlers and referees that ended with Sangre Chicana being pinned and referee Tirantes being shaved bald ... Teamed with Psicosis years ago at Antonio Inoki's Wrestling Peace Festival in Los Angeles, which earned him plenty of international exposure ... Vying to win the hair of El Dandy when not feuding with regular rivals Hector Garza and Latin Lover ... Enjoyed top star status during his *rudo* days, as well as during his current stint on the side of the *technicos*.

110 CIMA

(5'11", 202, 6, 94) The top star of the Toraymon group is a sensation with fans both in Mexico and Japan ... Won the El Numero Uno Tournament this year, beating Genki Horiguchi in the finals ... Capped off an excellent year by taking his first win over his trainer, Ultimo Dragon, in a singles match ... Leads the Crazy MAX contingent consisting of Judo Suwa, Don Fuji, and Taru ... Always feuding with Masaaki Mochizuki's M2K, Tokyo Magnum's Do-Fixer, and The Italian Connection ... Rose to prominence with several high-profile wins at the 2000 Super J-Cup, lasting through the finals before being pinned by Jushin Liger ... Had a number of tough matches with Milano Collection AT this year, resulting in some minor back injuries ... Has appeared with Michinoku Pro and New Japan in the past ... Impact finisher is called *schwein*, but he is best known for the frog splash he dubs the mad splash.



111 BRIAN LEE

(6'10", 266, 15, NL) Former WWF competitor is currently the regular tag team partner of Slash (they're known as The Disciples of the New Church) in NWA-TNA ... Was Ted DiBiase's evil Undertaker at SummerSlam 1994 ... Was actually the best man in 'Taker's wedding ... Competed in Smoky Mountain Wrestling and feuded with Kevin Sullivan, among many others ... Returned to the WWF as Chainz, a member of The Disciples of Apocalypse biker gang ... Teamed with former DOA running buddy Ron Harris, making it to the finals of the TNA tag team "Gauntlet For The Gold" ... Most considered their loss to James Storm and Chris Harris (America's Most Wanted) an upset at the time ... Teamed with Slash to defeat America's Most Wanted for the tag team title on November 13, 2002 ... Successfully defended the title against Curt Hennig and B.G. James and the Harris twins before dropping it back to Harris and Storm ... Have been feuding in equal parts against the Harris brothers and New Jack and The Sandman ... Lost a controversial hardcore match to Mike Sanders in May ... Has found his niche as a tag team wrestler and is much more effective when he can grab a breather on the apron for a few minutes.

112 FELINO

(5'7", 190, 21, 207) EMLL veteran holds the CMLL welterweight title, and is helping to bring the forgotten championship back to prominence ... Has had a series of hot matches with challenger Juventud Guerrera at Arena Mexico ... Represented Mexico in this year's Grand Prix Tournament for EMLL ... Cat-like quickness helps him both on the mat and in the air ... His signature bodysuit is complete with tiger stripes and fur, making him easy to identify ... Has ring poise and speed that are reminiscent of the original Tiger Mask ... Made a good impression in New Japan's Best of the Super Junior Tournament a few years back, but never returned to Japan to capitalize on his popularity ... Sometimes teams with fellow *technicos* Negro Casas and

Lizmark Jr., but has concentrated more on his singles career in the last year ... Still has one of the best *plancha suicidas* in Mexico ... Flies more gracefully than many men half his age.

113 DOUG WILLIAMS

(6'1", 233, 7, 92) Thick, muscular British heavyweight embodies the classic sensibilities of great European wrestlers like Tony St. Clair, William Regal, and Fit Finlay ... Incredibly popular throughout Europe, he has made inroads abroad as well ... Popped up in the United States a few times this year, for independents like Ring of Honor and in the NWA ... Now a semi-regular with Mitsuharu Misawa's NOAH group in Japan, where his classic mat style is well-regarded ... Known for his nonsense ring presence, he typically wears plain black tights and boots for his bouts, preferring to let his wrestling make an impression with fans ... Among the top stars of Britain's FWA, which tours the country on a regular basis ... Has fought lightweight sensation Jonny Storm on a number of occasions ... Pet move is a rolling reverse prawn hold-turned-German suplex that he calls chaos theory.

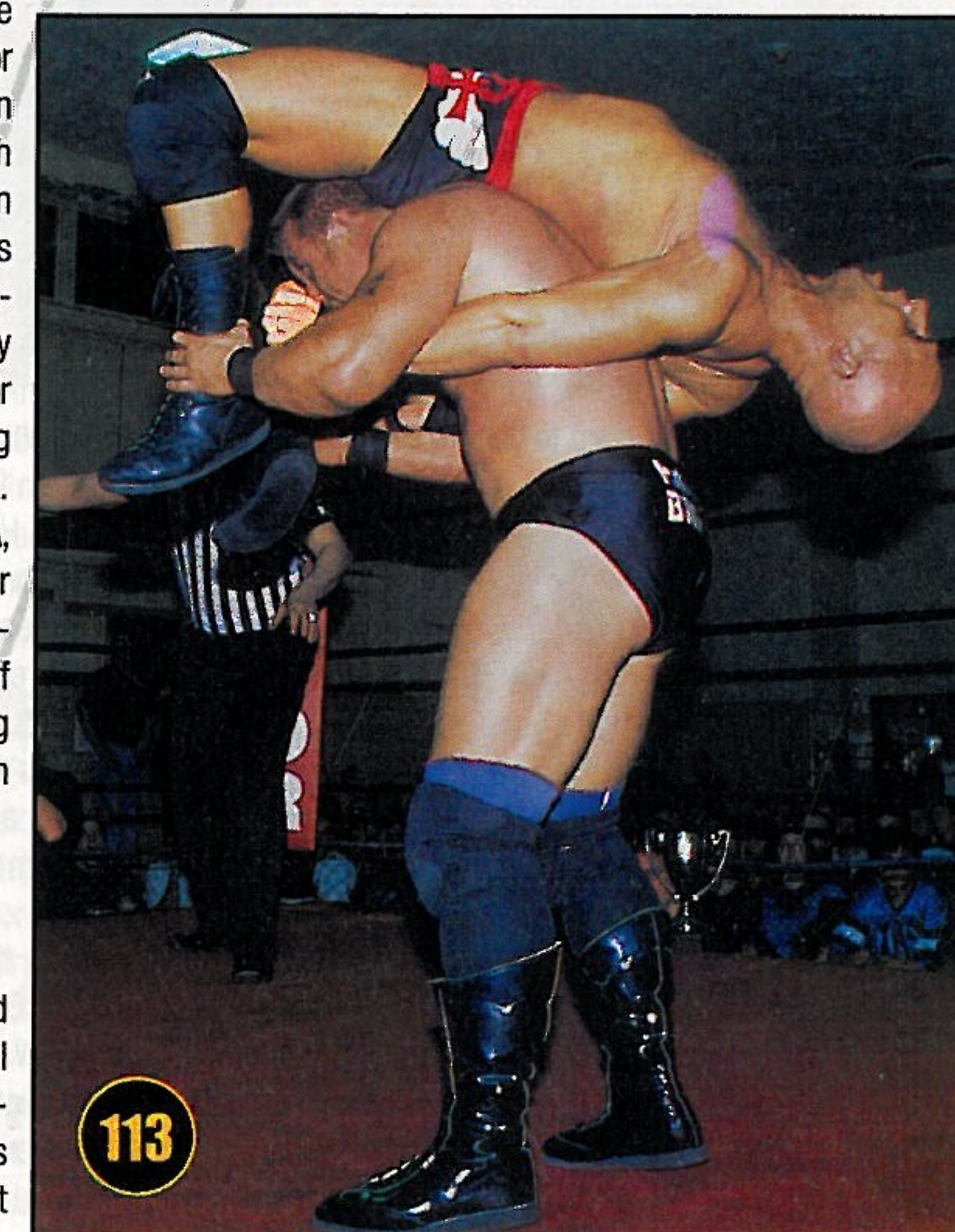
114 KONNAN

(5'10", 220, 15, NL) Entered Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council as a friend of the Colon family ... Betrayed that trust by smashing Carlos Colon's daughter with a guitar ... Beat Carly Colon for the universal title ... Feuded with Ray Gonzales in the WWC, then both men defected to the International Wrestling Association, where they're still at war ... Continues to be a main-eventer in Mexico and still makes appearances in the mainland U.S., especially on the West Coast ... His most effective finishing hold is the tequila sunrise ... A former WCW U.S.

champ ... Hails from Mexico City ... Would probably like to join WWE Smackdown to continue his rivalry with Rey Mysterio Jr. ... Because Vince McMahon probably still holds a grudge against Konnan since his brief WWF stint in the early-'90s, and considering his reduced name value, there's little chance of that happening at this time ... Has also competed in Ring of Honor this year ... Currently resides in San Diego, where he recently attended a birthday party for neighbor Wink Martindale.

115 CARLY COLON

(6', 220, 3, NL) Recently signed a developmental deal with WWE and will be assigned to Ohio Valley Wrestling ... OVW will be strikingly different than his native San Juan, Puerto Rico ... This second-generation star has already held the WWC universal title several times in his young career ... The son of the legendary Carlos Colon ... The older brother of Eddie Colon ... Lost the universal title to Sabu in their very first encounter, considered



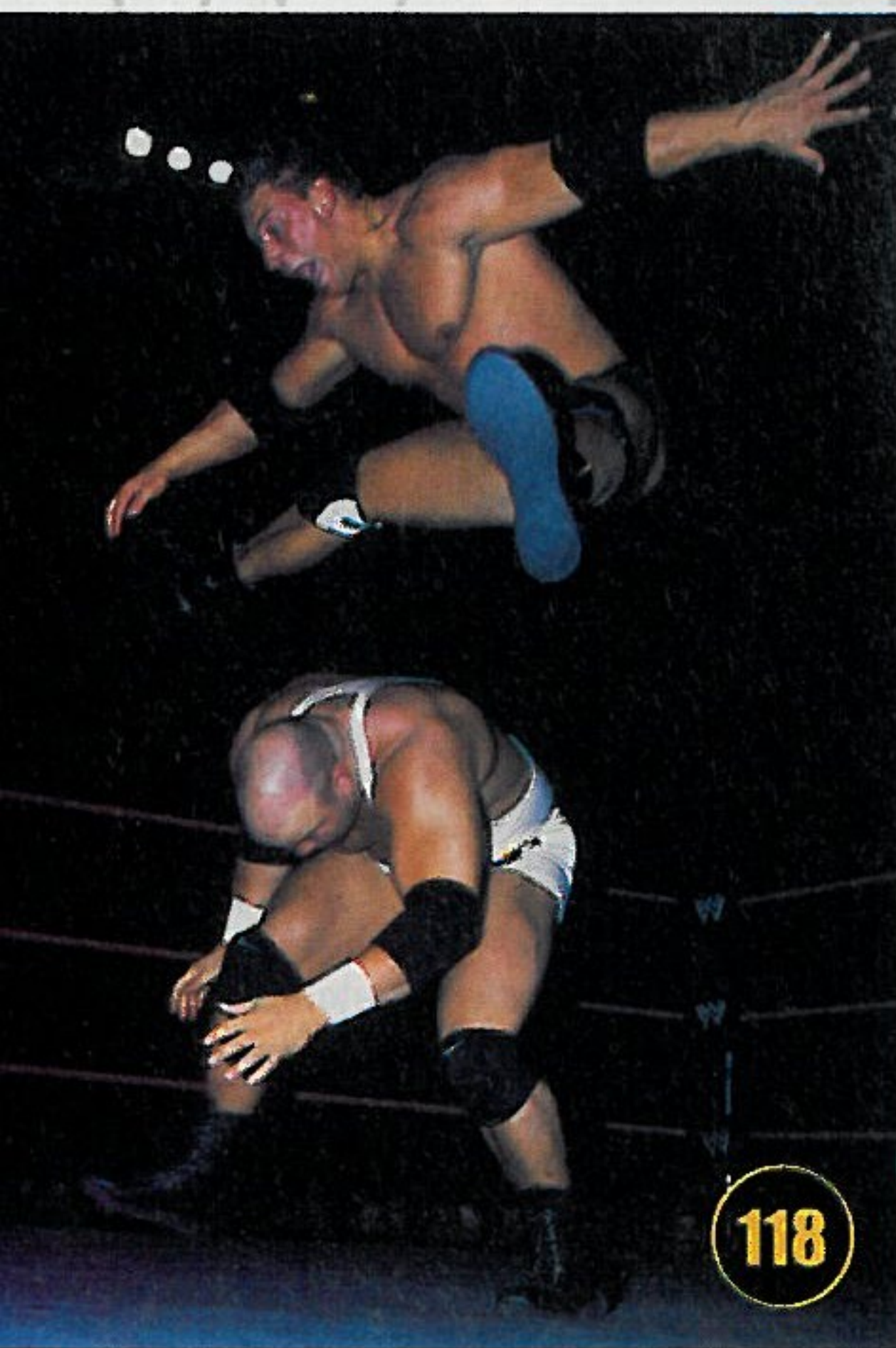
one of the WWC's best matches so far in 2003 ... That rivalry has become a violent feud ... Battled Ian Harrison and Vampiro when the XWF invaded Puerto Rico ... A top rival of Ray Gonzales and Konnan before those two stars defected to the IWA ... Frequently teamed with Konnan.

116 SHOICHI FUNAKI

(5'8", 192, 12, 103) Continued to be a stereotypical comedic figure in WWE ... Claims to be *Smackdown's* number-one announcer ... That might be true, if he were interviewing for the Japanese version of *Smackdown* ... Other *Smackdown* superstars sometimes misinterpret Funaki's comments as insults ... At least that helped Funaki gain a few matches against top-tier wrestlers ... Unfortunately, that meant his drubbings were all the more punishing, most notably against Brock Lesnar ... His biggest win occurred in the U.K. at last November's Rebellion, where he pinned Crash Holly ... Has refereed a number of diva matches on *Smackdown* house shows ... Sadly, he always seems to get tangled up in the catfights ... Recognized as a star in his own right now that his longtime Kaientai partner, Taka Michinoku, is out of WWE ... Uses a number of leg clutch submissions as his finishing holds ... His relatively high showing in the "PWI 500" is based on the quality of his opposition, certainly not his win-loss record ... Hey, he could be an announcer stuck on *Velocity*.

117 SLASH

(6', 212, 12, NL) The former member of PG-13 has reinvented himself as a Disciple of the New Church ... Hard to believe the sadistic Slash



once was the goofy Wolfie D ... Currently teaming with Brian Lee under the tutelage of James Mitchell ... Made his pro debut in 1991 in Memphis ... Has wrestled extensively in independent promotions across the United States ... Once a junior member of The Nation of Domination in the WWF ... Was a member of The Disciples of Synn in OVW, where he held the Southern tag team title with Damien ... Has also held tag titles in MCW, NAW, PPW, and the USWA ... Teamed with Lee to defeat America's Most Wanted for the NWA tag team title on November 13, 2002 ... They successfully defended against Curt Hennig and B.G. James and the Harris twins before dropping them back to Harris and Storm ... Teamed with Lee, The Sandman, and Perry Saturn to beat SEX in a "sadistic madness" match, in which a wrestler had to bleed before he could be pinned ... Teamed with Mike Awesome and Lee in a barbed-wire match featuring tables, ladders, and a stapler ... A well-rounded wrestler even without the hardcore stylings.

118 SYLVAN GRENIER

(6'2", 240, 1, NL) Capitalized on anti-French sentiment in the U.S. following the Iraq War, and burst onto *Raw* with Rene Dupree ... They are known as La Resistance ... Probably even more hated than The Un-Americans of last year ... He is the referee who screwed over Hulk Hogan in his match against The Rock at No Way Out ... Scored a tainted victory over Rob Van Dam during a flag match on Memorial Day ... He and Dupree won the Raw tag team belts from Van Dam and Kane ... First rose to prominence in Quebec's Northern Championship Wrestling ... Remained undefeated during his four months in NCW, defeating local stars such as Franky the Mobster, Nova Cain, Chakal, and Nightmare ... Wrestled under the name "Sly" before joining the Raw roster ... Trained by Rocky Johnson and worked through his WWE developmental deal at OVW ... Also worked out with former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr. ... Became the Funkin' Conservatory's first-ever International champion.

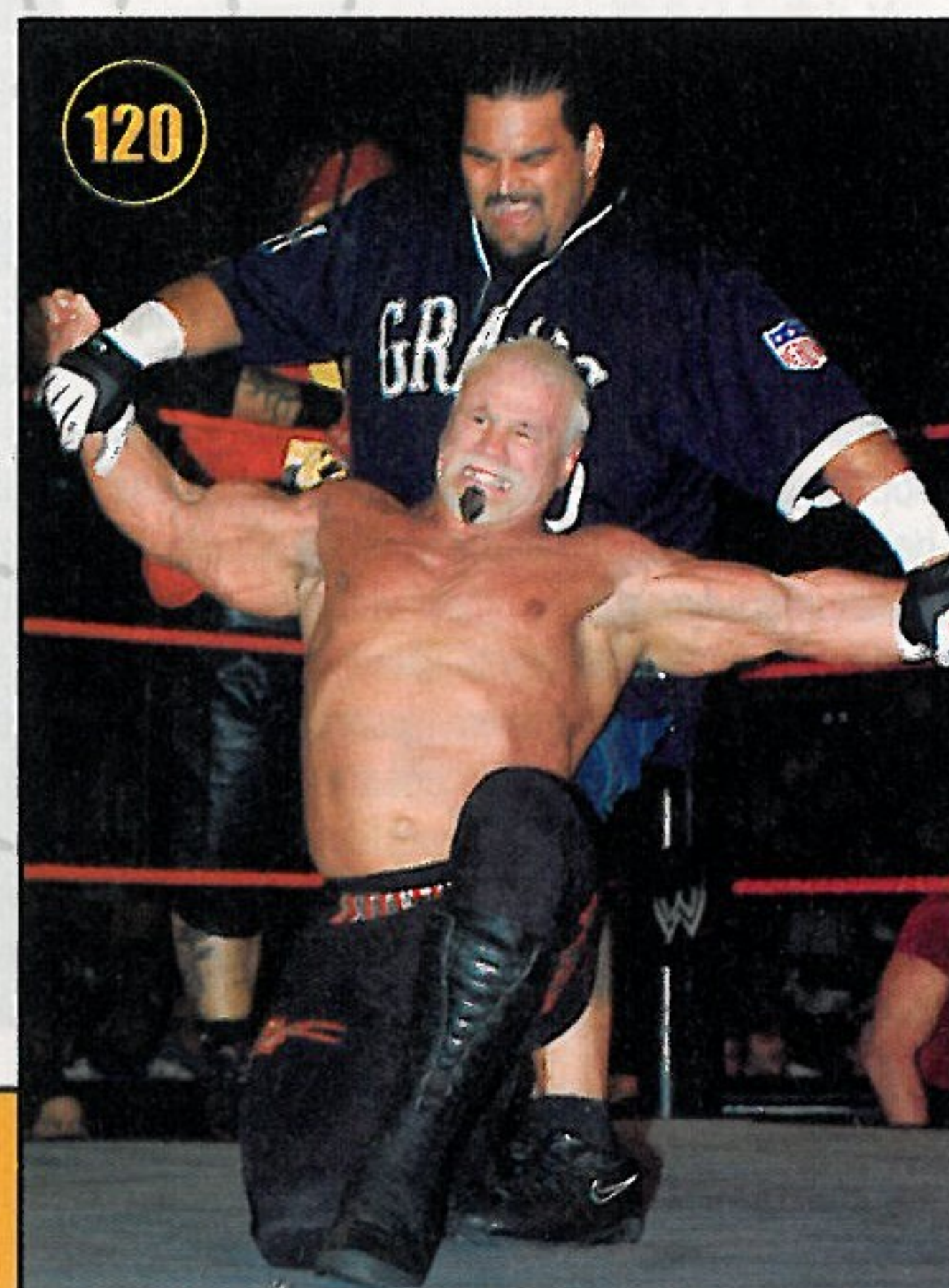
119 GLAMOUR BOY SHANE

(5'10", 215, 10, NL) This 30-year-old Canadian is now residing full-time in Caguas, Puerto Rico in IWA ... Went undefeated for the first two months of 2003 ... Co-holder of the International Wrestling Association tag team title with Abyss ... The first

man to hold the IWA heavyweight belt ... Also a former IWA hardcore champ ... Had been a trainer when the IWA had a developmental partnership with WWE ... A former partner of Sean Morley (Val Venis) ... Helped Morley train many prospects throughout Ontario, including Bobby Rude ... Most difficult opponent has been Ricky Banderas ... Finisher is a top-rope elbow that he has dubbed "out of the way" ... Also frequently uses the crossface ... Has wrestled seemingly everywhere, including AWP England, USWA, CWA Canada, and New Japan.

120 ROSEY

(6'5", 360, 9, 124) Didn't make the splash that was expected of him in Raw ... Three Minute Warning created a buzz as the henchman of General Manager Eric Bischoff, but didn't cause much excitement with their dismal win-loss record ... Failed to win the WWE Raw tag team title ... His biggest win of the past year occurred when he teamed with his Three Minute Warning partner, Jamal, to beat Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo in a special Raw vs. *Smackdown* match, which stipulated that *Smackdown* GM Stephanie McMahon had to engage in HLA ... Held back by Jamal, who was suspended from house shows due to legal problems ... At least that gave Rosey a chance to get some singles experience, which he'll need now that Jamal has been released ... Capable of spectacular aerial moves despite his large girth ... Samoan Sika is his father ... Formerly known as Kimo of The Island Boys ... Has held the Heartland Wrestling Association and Southern (Memphis) tag team championships ... Sadly, fans were unable to see the Island Boys-Haas Brothers rivalry continue in WWE ... Could form an effective team with Rikishi on the *Smackdown* side.

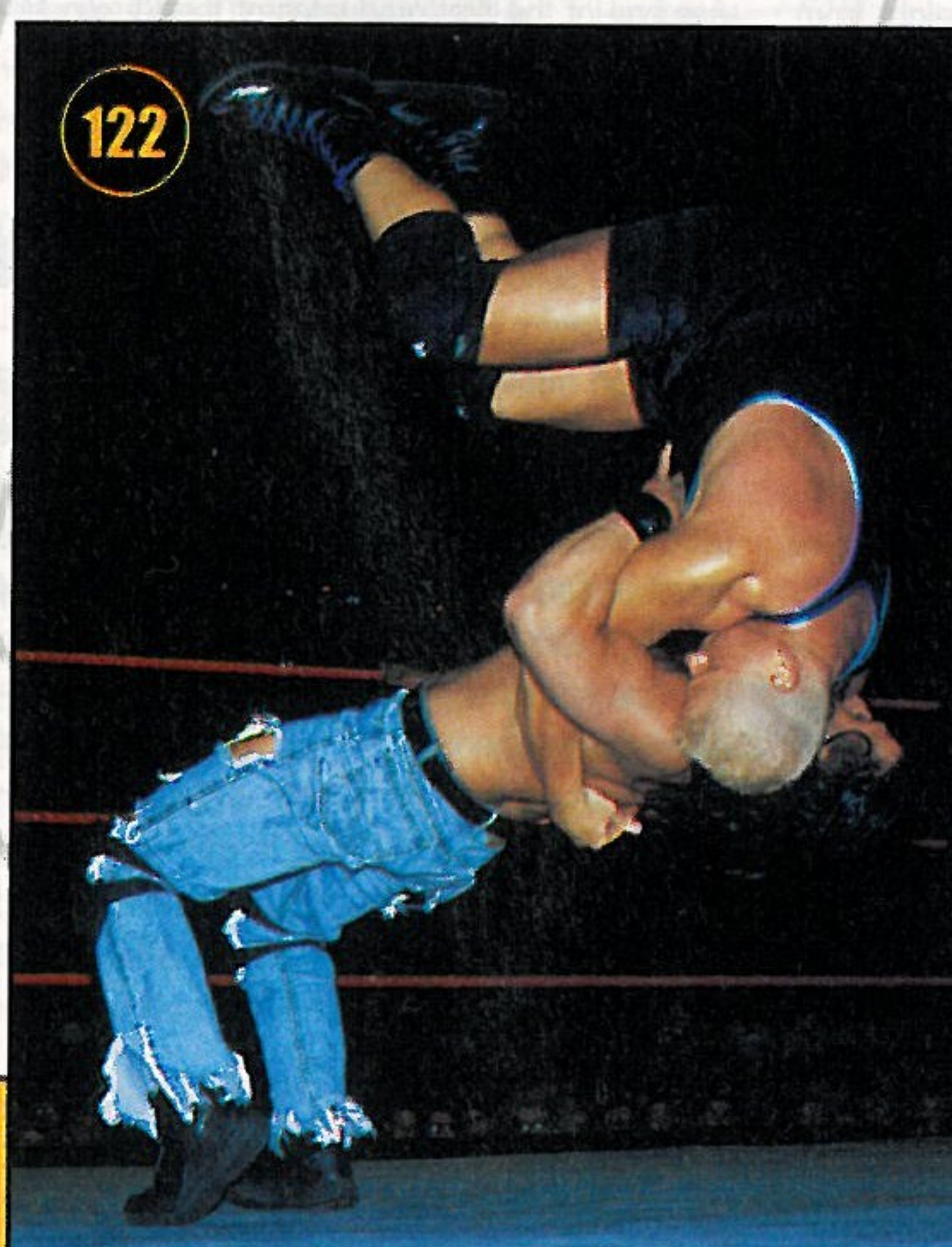


121 SUPER DELFIN

(5'9", 205, 14, 126) Masked marine marvel is the head of Osaka Pro, the company he founded after leaving Michinoku Pro ... Once thought of as a comedy act, Delfin got serious after suffering a harrowing back injury at the hands of Kaientai DX in 1997 ... Became a big star in his native Japan nine years ago by making it to the finals of the Best of the Super Junior, an annual tournament held by New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Delfin was defeated by Jushin Liger in the finals ... Regularly teams with Super Demekin, another aquatic-themed fan favorite ... Holds the Osaka Pro championship, which has put him in a heated rivalry with the monstrous MA-G-MA ... Also opposes Gamma and his teammates constantly ... Has a great uppercut-style palm blow ... Spent some time training in Mexico when he was known as Monkey Magic Wakita ... Favorite finishing combo is the swinging DDT followed by his trademark Delfin clutch.

122 DEVON STORM

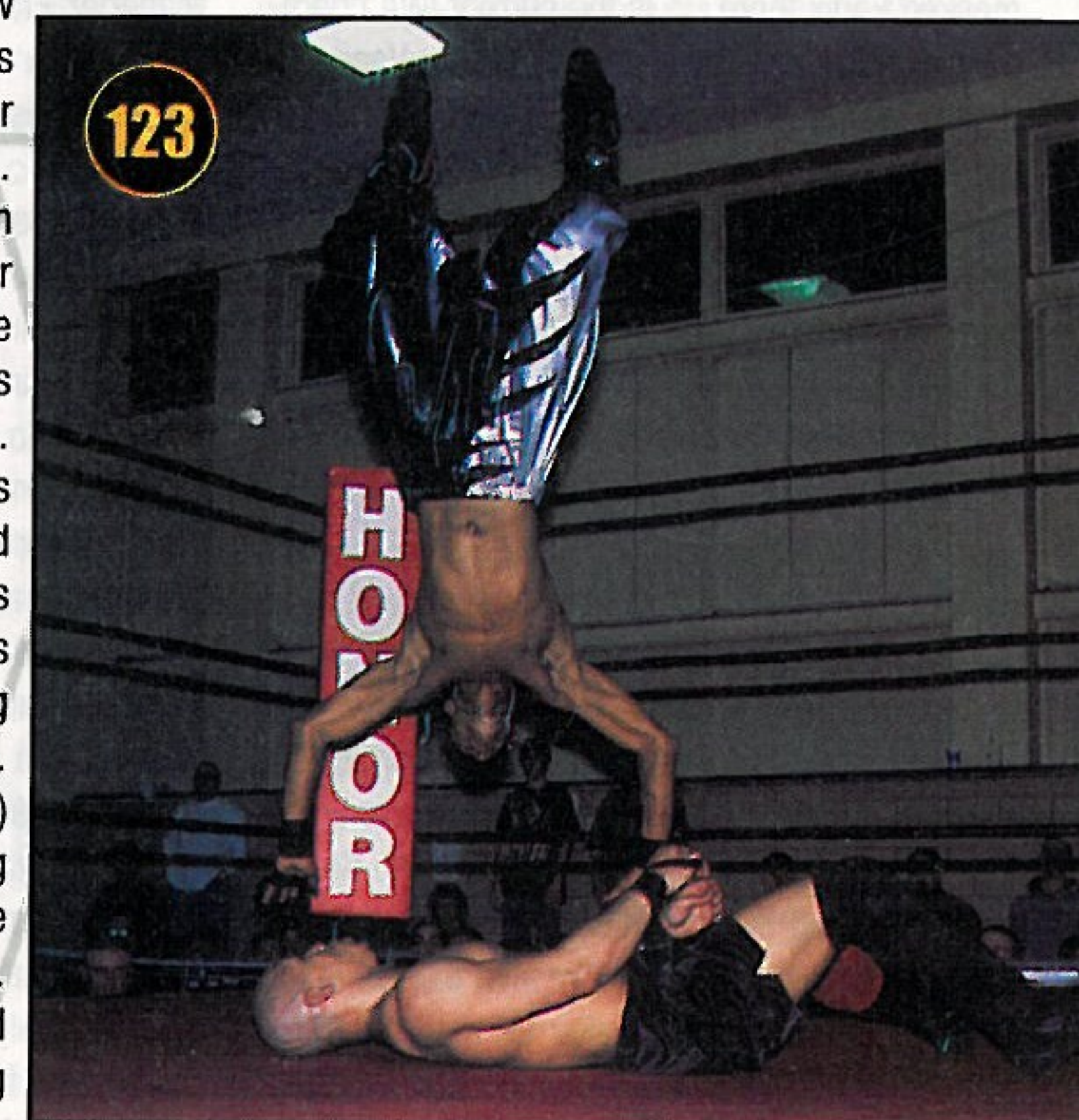
(6'2", 232, 11, 72) This veteran's career has come full circle, as he is again using his original moniker instead of his WCW name, Crowbar ... Has also wrestled as Tempest in NWA-TNA and Salem in XPW ... Travels the world for wrestling, but mainly wrestles in the Northeast as an indy show headliner and on WWA tours and pay-per-views ... Still embroiled in a feud with Sabu—they face each other whenever and wherever they can ... Is also a licensed physical therapist, which comes in handy for a pro wrestler ... Often accompanied to the ring by the lovely Serena on shows in the Northeast ... Reunited with WCW partner-in-crime Lucy Furr (the former Daffney)



for some WWE dark matches recently, and crowds seemed to welcome the reunion ... Uses a unique blend of high-impact aerial moves combined with hardcore tendencies—a style he helped pioneer on the indy circuit.

123 JODY FLEISCH

(6', 189, 7, NL) High-flying British cruiserweight is an international sensation ... Rose to stardom as the masked Doc Chan in Michinoku Pro's mask tournament a few years back, in which he was unmasked ... Wrestles all over Europe, Japan, and the U.S. ... Has made a name for himself in America regularly wrestling for Ring of Honor and Combat Zone Wrestling ... Often wrestles against fellow Brit Jonny Storm ... Nickname is the "Phoenix" ... Has a great repertoire of kicks and spectacular flying moves ... His spaceman shooting star press has been consistently ranked among the world's riskiest maneuvers ... Briefly held the WXW (Europe) cruiserweight title after beating Hade Vansen, but lost it the same night to Mike Quackenbush ... Wildly agile, he can scale walls and escape from all types of pinning predicaments ... One of the independent scene's most sought-after free agents ... Favorite finisher is a breathtaking reverse springboard that he turns into a tornado DDT—it's an invention he has dubbed the 720 DDT.



124 CRASH HOLLY

(5'9", 225, 14, 153) Sent to Raw during the brand extension draft so he could become a staple of the hardcore division ... Won the WWE hardcore title eight more times in 2002 ... He and Mick Foley are the two most memorable hardcore champions ever, but for different reasons ... Holly was not known for his punishing style, but did hold the championship more than anyone and made the 24/7 rule a standard for a while ... Jumped to *Smackdown* in an attempt to revitalize his career ... Lost to Sho Funaki at the U.K.'s Rebellion, held last October ... That one had to hurt ... Became a "Mattitude follower" in desper-

tion ... Constantly bullied by Matt Hardy, although Holly helped him gain several victories ... Never compiled a winning record on *Smackdown* ... Must have lost his spunk after 14 years in the business ... A former WWF light heavyweight champion ... Rose to prominence in California's All Pro Wrestling, where he was known as Erin O'Grady ... WWE released him in July, making Molly the only Holly left on the active roster (at least until Hardcore gets off the injured list) ... Now he's unemployed, 24/7.

125 SEVEN

(6'5", 285, 3, 219) Debuted in OVW as Synn's replacement for Batista (then known as Leviathan) ... Defeated Batista in his last match in the territory, but still ended up taking a demon bomb for his efforts ... Secretive about his personal life, but claims to use the Seven Deadly Sins as a guideline for the way he lives ... We think he's missing the point ... Fearsome look and demeanor usually intimidate his opponents ... Seven has formed a successful team with Travis Bane, and they have held the OVW Southern tag team title ... Lists his favorite food simply as meat ... Apparently he's not too discriminating ... OVW promoter Jim Cornette politely describes the alleged relationship between Seven and Synn as "lustfully enamored," whatever that means ... Previously wrestled in Memphis Championship Wrestling, back when it was a WWE developmental territory ... Should get more attention now that Doug Basham, Damaja, John Cena, and Batista are no longer full-timers in OVW, making him perhaps the top heel in the territory by default.

126 RAY GONZALES

(5'11", 225, 13, NL) Feuded with Carly Colon and Vampiro in Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council ... Has held the universal title an amazing 13 times ... Defected to the International Wrestling Association after spending almost all of his career in the WWC ... Competed as the masked Fenix there ... Is the current IWA champion ... Has issued a challenge to Savio Vega to a dream match for which Victor Quiñones will give \$50,000 to the winner ... Has already held the IWA belt on two occasions ... Feuding with Ricky Banderas ... Many consider him Puerto Rico's best wrestler of the past five years ... Also wrestled in the ill-fated XWF, in which he teamed with Konnan ... Resides in Dorado, Puerto Rico.

127 RIKI CHOSHU

(6', 249, 29, NL) Three-time former IWGP heavyweight champion departed New Japan last year amidst political restructuring ... A former tag team champion as well, with partners ranging from Masa Saito to his protege, Kensuke Sasaki ... Announced his retirement in 1998, but wrestled on a semi-regular schedule after that ... Spent years as the chief matchmaker for New Japan ... Famed for his lariat ... Started the WJ Pro group this year, and recruited friends like Sasaki, Shiro Koshinaka, and Genichiro Tenryu to help him ... The group has had a hard time gaining momentum in the saturated *puroresu* scene ... Loves to subdue opponents with the scorpion deathlock, a hold that became popular all over the world after Choshu rose to prominence in the 1970s.



128 JAMAL

(6'5", 356, 5, 130) Finally promoted to Raw after years in the WWE developmental system ... Previously known as Ekmo of The Island Boys ... He and Rosey comprised Three Minute Warning ... They were introduced as henchmen of Raw General Manager Eric Bischoff, and routinely attacked and splashed his foes, including Mae Young ... Three Minute Warning beat Billy Gunn and Chuck Palumbo at Unforgotten, forcing Smackdown General Manager Stephanie McMahon to engage in HLA due to a prematch stipulation ... Didn't realize Stephanie had planted a wringer, Jamal's brother, Rikishi ... Three Minute Warning then accepted a third member, Billy and Chuck's rejected hairstylist, Rico ... The trio lost to Buh Buh Ray Dudley, Spike Dudley, and Jeff Hardy in a tables elimination match at Survivor Series ... Got into legal trouble when he allegedly attacked an off-duty policeman for insulting his wife ... Suspended from house shows due to other disciplinary problems ... Finally released in July ... His three minutes are up in WWE ... Reportedly headed to Japan for work.

129 JONNY STORM

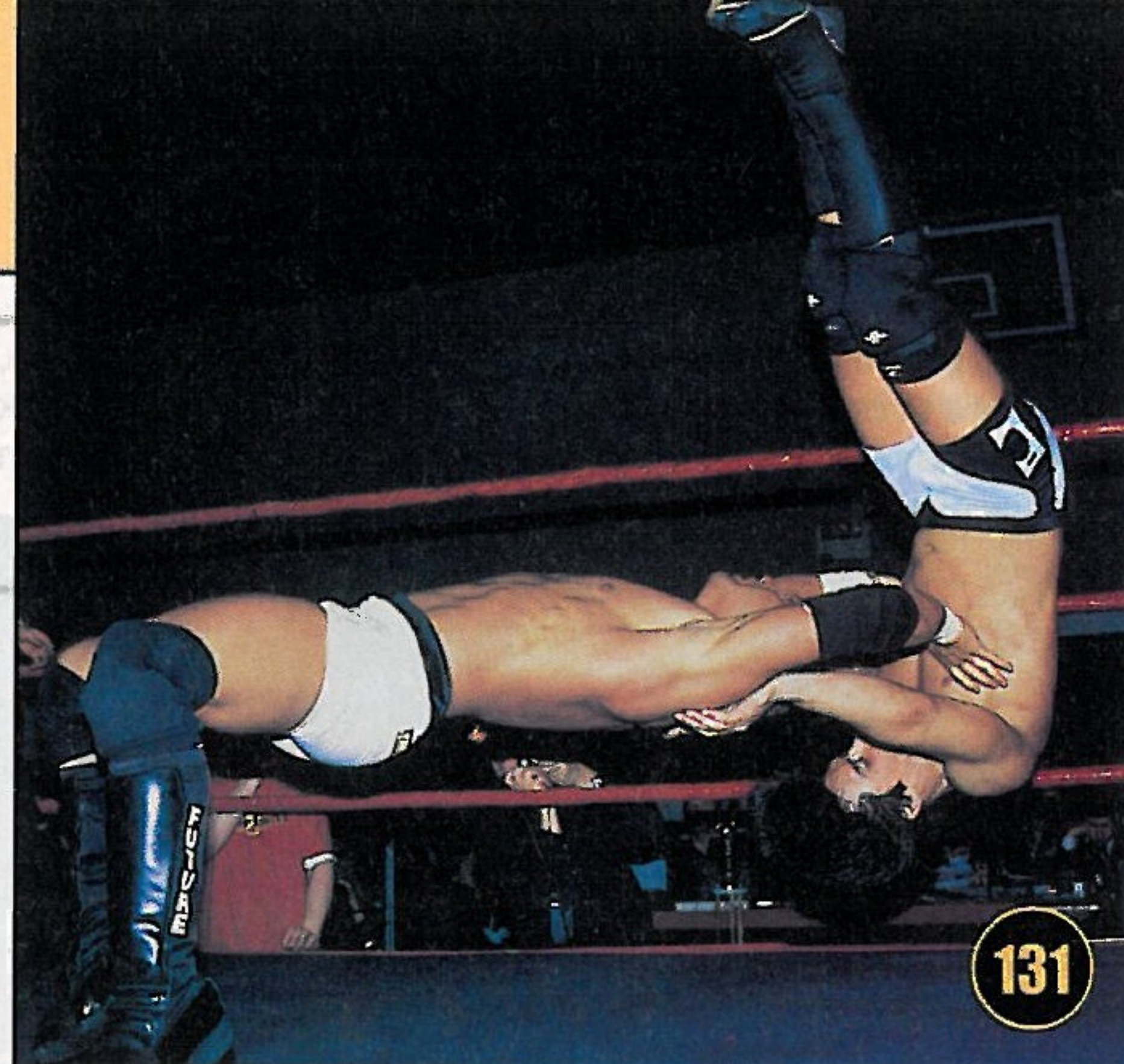
(5'6", 177, 4, NL) Young cruiserweight from Great Britain has become one of Europe's hottest commodities in the last year ... A regular with the UK-based FWA, where he has had a number of outstanding matches with wrestlers like Doug Williams ... Competes regularly in Ring of Honor and Combat Zone Wrestling, where he has showcased his abilities



in matches against Jody Fleisch ... Style reminds many of Juventud Guerrera, whom he wrestled in XPW ... Starting to make a name for himself internationally despite of some nagging injuries that continue to pop up ... Likes to finish off opponents with the rewind stormin' Steiner, a move made famous by Dragon Kid of the Toryumon; it's a blind huracanrana from the turnbuckles that ranks among the riskiest moves in all of wrestling.

130 LANCE CADE

(6'5", 262, 4, 120) Lanky Nebraska native was one of the first graduates of the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy ... An all-state basketball player in high school, Cade idolized Michaels and Ric Flair growing up ... Cade tried out for the Wrestling Academy right after graduation from high school, and "The Heartbreak Kid" liked what he saw ... Held the Heartland Wrestling Association heavyweight title in 2001 ... Had a strong showing in the PWI 2001 Rookie of the Year voting, but was behind Randy Orton, Brock Lesnar, John Cena, and others, the best rookie class of recent memory ... Learned a lot by teaming with Steve Bradley throughout 2002 ... Was the youngest prospect to sign a WWE developmental deal and survived several rounds of layoffs before moving up to OVW ... Has become an egotistical jerk in OVW, where he competes under the management of the rotund Kenny Bolin ... Like Michaels, prefers to finish off opponents with a superkick ... Also has an effective bulldog.



131 FRANKIE KAZARIAN

(6'1", 220, 7, 210) The current Ultimate Pro Wrestling lightweight champion ... Defeated Spanky and B-Boy in the second fall of a two-fall three-way match ... Spanky's NWA international junior heavyweight title was on the line in the first fall, and B-Boy's UPW lightweight belt was up for grabs in the second ... Pinned Spanky to win the UPW lightweight strap in that second fall ... His best UPW matches were against Mikey Henderson at the Grove Theater, and against John Cena at "Season's Beatings" held at the Galaxy Theater ... Defeated Low-Ki and Jerry Lynn at the Russ Haas Memorial Cup ... Captured the Phoenix Championship Wrestling TV strap ... Reforms Evolution with Nova whenever possible ... Feuding with Chi Chi Cruz in New Jersey's PCW ... Defeated Chris Sabin in the opening round, but lost to Paul London in the semifinals of the 2003 Super 8 ... Toured internationally with World Wrestling All-Stars ... Also competes in Japan's Zero-One and NWA-TNA ... He even wrestled in Lebanon during the past year ... His finisher is the wave of the future.

132 KANYON

(6'4", 245, 6, NL) Hampered by injuries during the past four years, which should have been the prime of his career ... A torn ACL aborted his half-hearted push in WWE, which included a brief reign as co-holder of the World tag team title with Dallas Page ... Placed in intensive care as late as July 2002, when a separated shoulder became infected, causing fluid to build up in his lungs ... Those two factors caused him to miss most of 2001-'02 ... Became a respected mentor to many young Ohio Valley wrestlers while training for his comeback ... Paul Heyman presented him as a "gift" to The Undertaker in the fall of 2002 ... Immediately unwrapped and trounced by 'Taker

pable of doing much more in WWE.

133 GREAT SASUKE

(5'8", 180, 13, 137) Founder and top star of Michinoku Pro now splits his time between the ring and the Japanese Senate ... Garnered international attention as the world's first masked politician ... A former IWGP junior heavyweight and tag team champion ... Was the first man to hold the eight unified J-Crown titles in 1996 ... Started out as Ninja Sasuke during a stay in Mexico ... Cut his teeth in Gran Hamada's Universal promotion more than a decade ago ... Has international experience and had brief stints in both the WWF and ECW ... Inventor of the move known in the United States as the swanton bomb ... Spectacular aerialist hasn't slowed down much with age ... His quebrada, which is Spanish for "waterfall," is commonly called the lion-sault in America ... Favorite finishers include the royal octopus hold and the thunder fire bomb.

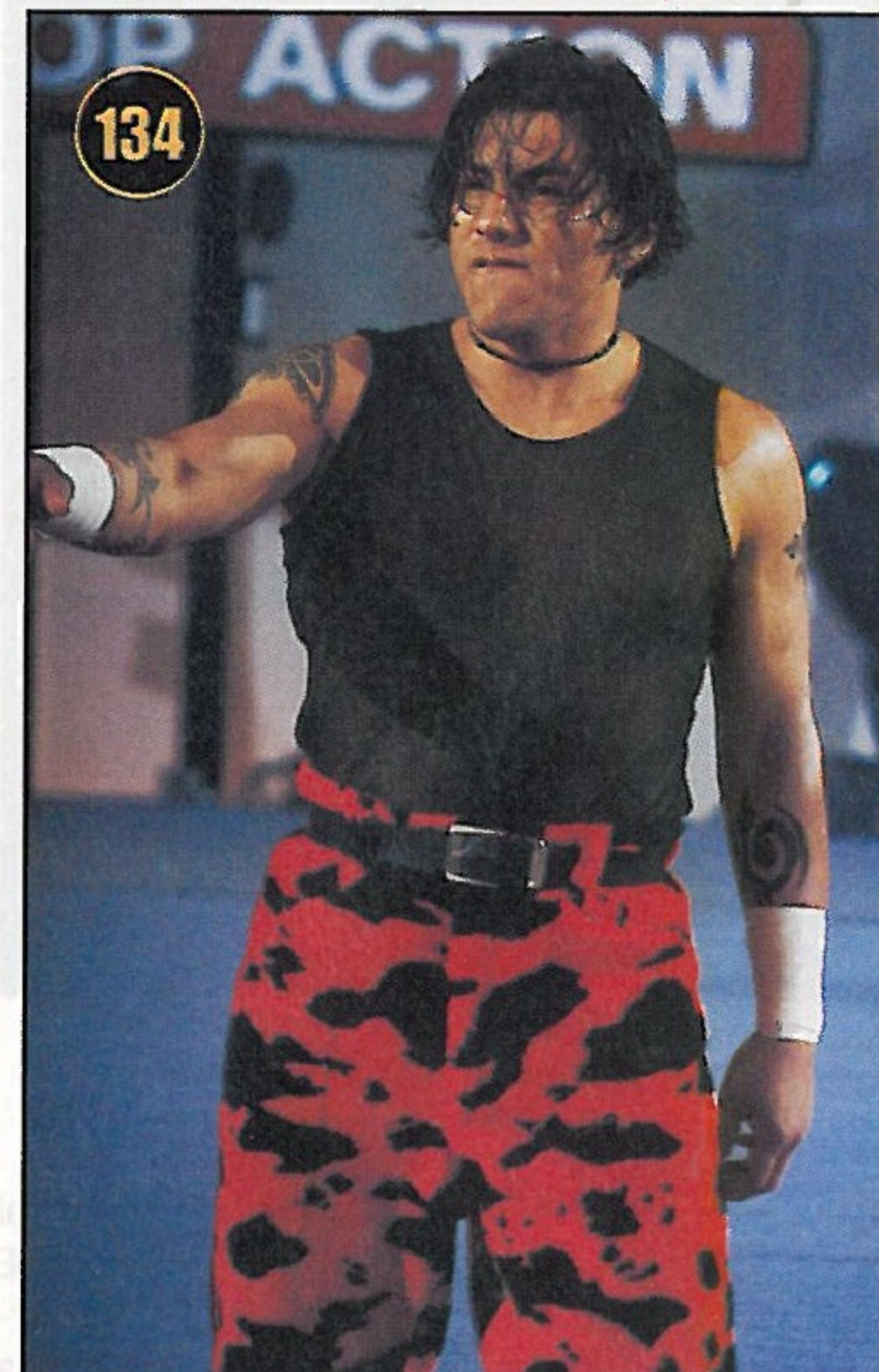
134 NICHU EL MILLIONARIO

(5'10", 198, 12, 50) The wrestler formerly known as Psicosis changed his name to avoid confusion with AAA's impostor Psicosis after losing his mask to Rey Misterio Jr. a few years back ... Chose not to litigate the matter with AAA owner Antonio Pena, who has also managed to retain the rights to names like La Parka and Mascara Sagrada ... Long-time rival of Misterio Jr.—he unmasked Misterio in Mexico before his WCW unmasking ... Arguably the top star in the Tijuana wrestling wars ... Also pops up in EMLL from time to time ... High-flyer shows no signs of slowing down ... Even made some appearances stateside with XPW during the year ... A former WCW cruiserweight champion, he both won and lost the title from Misterio Jr. ... Rose to stardom in AAA while feuding with El Hijo del Santo before

competing with companies like ECW, WAR and many others ... Even his cheating ways haven't reduced his popularity in Mexico ... Signature finisher is his top-rope legdrop.

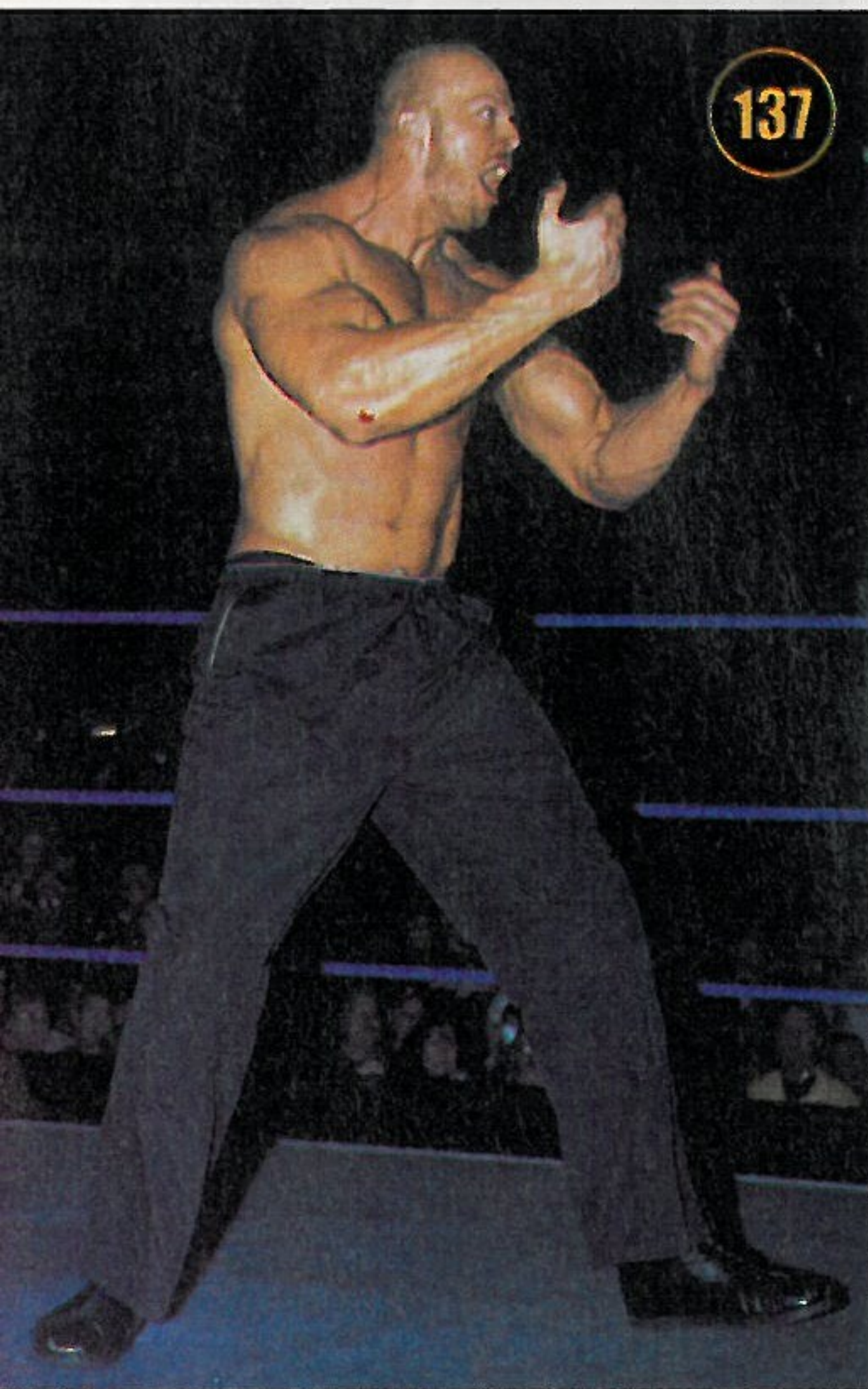
135 SABU

(6', 220, 13, 133) "The Human Highlight Reel" has slowed down significantly since his ECW prime ... But he's still a madman and is currently plying his trade in NWA-TNA and various independents ... Toured Europe with the World Wrestling All-Stars and feuded with Devon Storm, Simon Diamond, and Perry Saturn ... Debuted in TNA by winning a ladder match against Malice ... Held the 3PW title but lost it to Gary Wolfe in December 2002 ... Also competes in Border City Wrestling and USA Pro Wrestling ... Lost a 3PW match to Terry Funk on February 15 ... Maybe Sabu ought to stop facing all these old ECW guys and get over the fact that ECW is gone ... Made a surprise return to TNA, getting involved in the highly anticipated Raven-Jeff Jarrett match and chasing away Team Extreme ... Defeated New Jack and The Sandman in an extreme three-way dance on May 7, 2003 ... Failed to build momentum after that victory and rejoined WWA for another tour overseas ... Dominated Joe E. Legend on that tour, but has had his hands full against Shane Douglas ... Still uses the triple-jump moonsault, Arabian facebuster, and camel clutch.



136 TOKYO MAGNUM

(5'11", 201, 6, 73) Top *rudo* of Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group, based in both Japan and Mexico ... Charismatic grappler delights female fans with his dancing ... Feuds with Masaaki Mochizuki and CIMA's Crazy Max stable continue ... Took control of the M2K faction and renamed it Do-Fixer ... Now teams with *rudos* Genki Horiguchi, K-Ness, and Ryo Saito ... Mochizuki relaunched the M2K group as a stable of fan favorites, including Magnum's former partners Dragon Kid and Araken ... Won the El Numero Uno Tournament in 2002, but did not fare as well this year ... Has experience all over the globe, including a brief but memorable stint in WCW ... Skillful in the air, he calls his graceful shooting star press the AV press ... Rounds out his arsenal with picture-perfect sentons and dropkicks ... Finishing move is called the viagra driver.



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137 NATHAN JONES

(6'10", 315, 3, 319) Once hailed as a physical marvel, his flaws have become apparent in WWE ... Stint in prison gives him an interesting, marketable background, however ... WWE did a

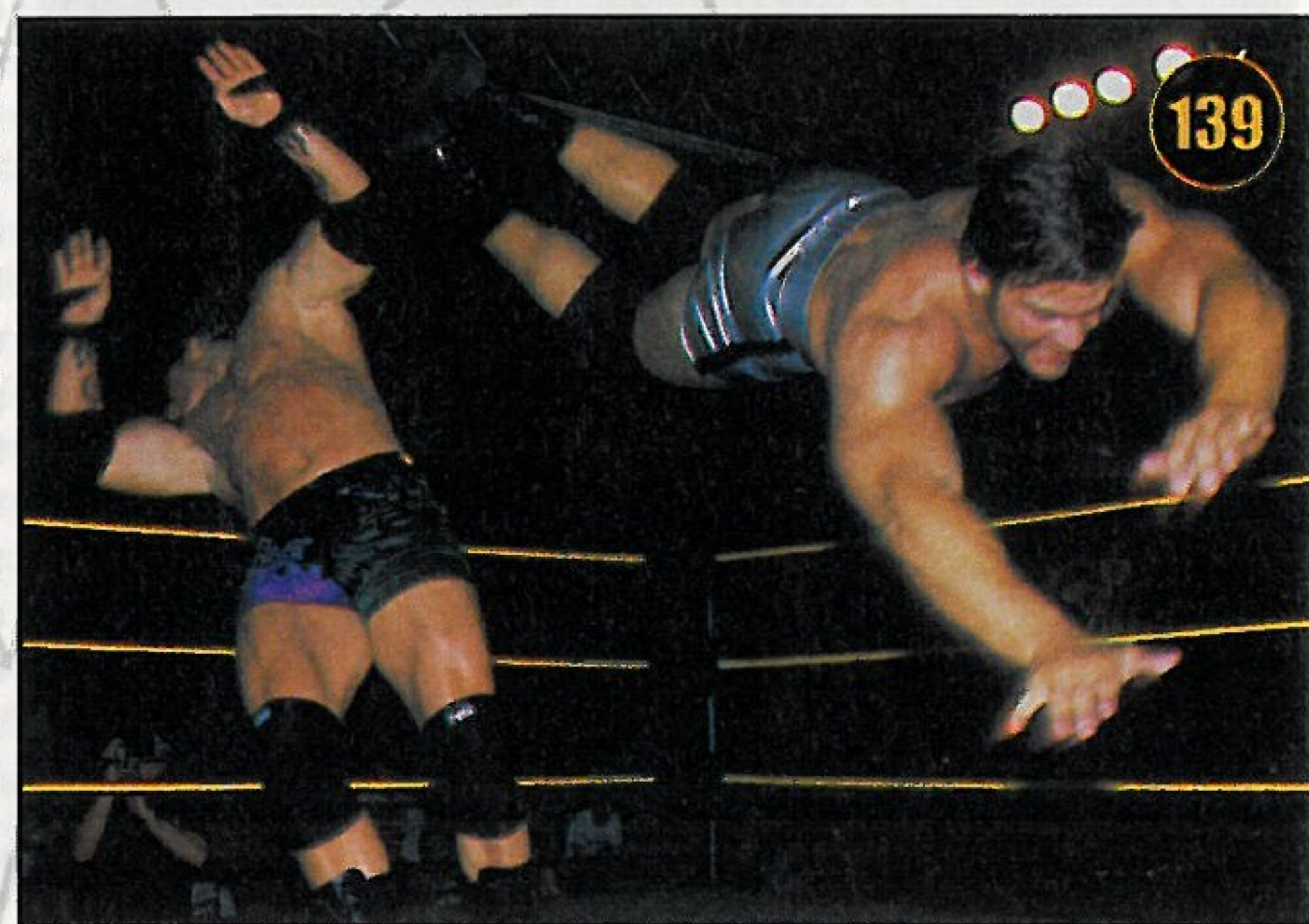
good job of hyping his debut on *Smackdown* ... Seemed a bit clumsy as a singles wrestler, so he was paired with the veteran Undertaker ... But someone must have still thought it was too risky to go forward with Jones' match in the spotlight of WrestleMania XIX, so The Full-Blooded Italians attacked him prior to the bout, leaving Undertaker to defeat The Big Show and A-Train on his own ... Relegated to autograph signings during opening-day ticket sales ... Another wrestler pushed too far too fast just because of his size ... WWE, with enough patience, could be able to mold Jones into a superstar ... Originally trained at UPW's Ultimate University ... Competed in Arnold Schwarzenegger's "World Strongest Man" competition ... A native of Australia ... This economics major should do the math: He isn't ready for prime time right now.

138 JUN AKIYAMA

(6', 231, 11, 48) Former NOAH Global Honored Crown champion is now a tag team champion with undercard star Akitoshi Saito ... Once thought to be the next heavyweight superstar of Japan, he has not achieved the status of men like Mitsuharu Misawa or Kenta Kobashi ... Began his career in the rings of All-Japan Pro Wrestling, but defected to NOAH with his mentor, Misawa ... Has one of the most effective front chancery holds in all of wrestling ... Charismatic young wrestler has a style similar to the one made popular by Misawa throughout the 1990s ... Once known for his all-blue ring outfits ... Blue thunder bomb is one of his trademark moves ... Favorite suplex is the exploder, which he uses to finish off opponents ... Has a terrific variation in his exploder '98, a pipe-wrench version of the move.

139 MARK JINDRAK

(6'5", 253, 4, 146) The massive Jindrak was wearing a world title belt in his rookie year in wrestling ... Graduate of the WCW Power Plant, Jindrak was a founding member of The Natural



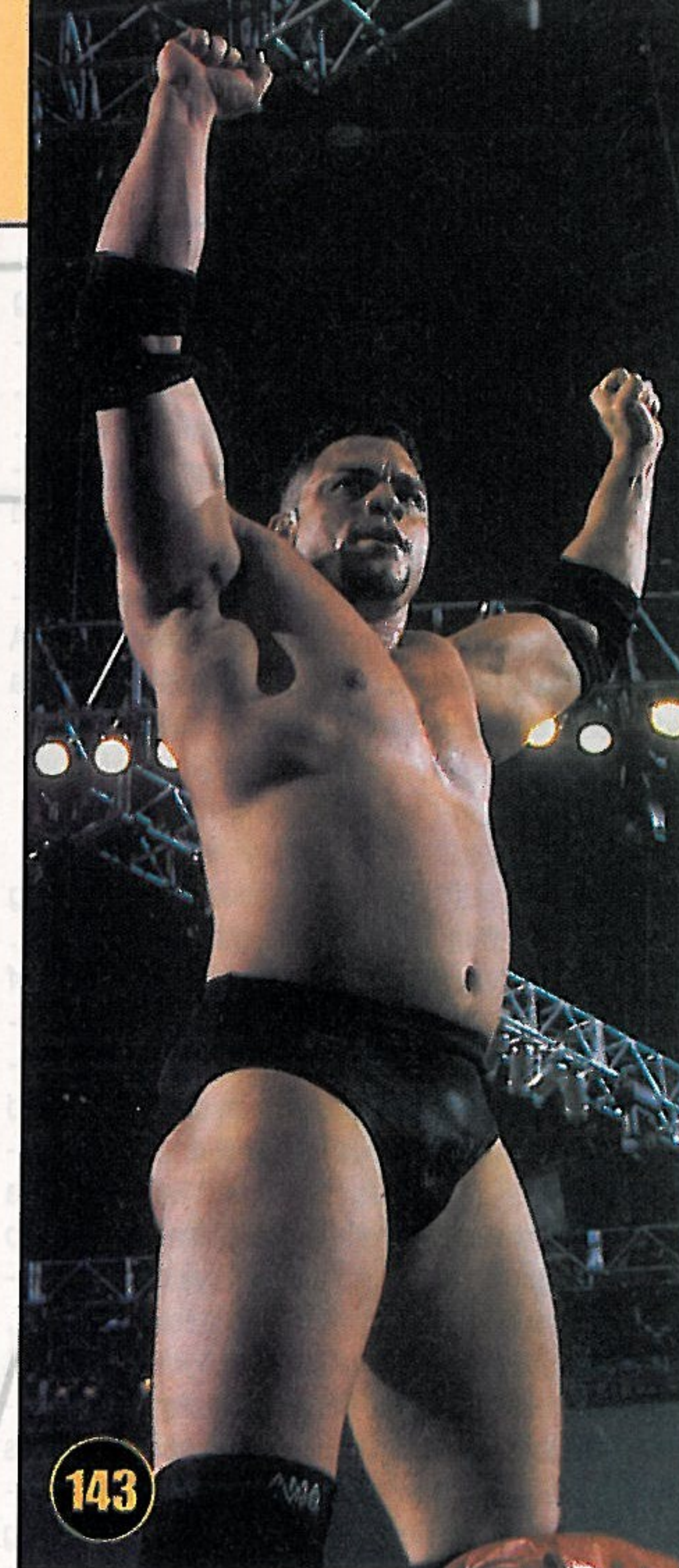
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Born Thrillaz, which also included Sean O'Haire, Chuck Palumbo, and Mike Sanders ... Jindrak and O'Haire won the WCW World tag title on

September 25, 2000, in a battle royal ... Jindrak and O'Haire had two runs with the gold before the team split ... Jindrak was a quiet member of the WCW/ECW Alliance in 2001, then was sent down to OVW ... Struggled in his first months in OVW, and even lost a match to David Flair ... Was frustrated with going from the top of the card to going winless in OVW ... Scored his first OVW win with a pinfall over John "Prototype" Cena ... Has wrestled on dozens of WWE dark matches and never fails to impress fans based on his size alone ... A very talented wrestler, Jindrak could become a bigger star than all of the other Natural Born Thrillaz ... He has paid his dues, and WWE matchmakers are starting to notice.

140 SCOOT ANDREWS

(5'11", 222, 10, 114) Calls himself the "Black Nature Boy" ... Formed Naturally Marvelous with "Marvelous" Mike Sullivan ... They beat The Strong Brothers for the IPW tag team title ... He and Sullivan also defeated The Shane Twins for the NWA Florida tag team belts ... They won an incredible TLC match at "Rage In The Cage 4" ... Wrestled in several more WWE dark matches this year, including bouts against Spike Dudley, Tommy Dreamer, and Sylvan Grenier ... Defeated Quiet Storm in an NWA-TNA dark match ... His top singles rivals include Billy Fives, Michael Shane, and Sedrick Strong ... Defeated Jason Rumble and Jay Briscoe in the J-Cup Tournament ... Lost to Xavier in their three-bout series in Ring of Honor ... Maintained his usual schedule in Florida, although he reduced his out-of-state engagements due to the arrival of his baby daughter.



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141 ULTIMO GUERRERO

(6', 200, 10, 61) Los Infernos del Ring, the team of Guerrero and Rey Bucanero, have evolved into an international sensation ... Mexico's most sought-after tandem is also popular in Japan right now, appearing with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon and New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Mainstays of EMLL also appear on the Tijuana circuit often ... The duo traded the CMLL tag title with El Hijo del Santo and Negro Casas last year ... Trios partner Tarzan Boy was fired by EMLL, but this hasn't slowed down the other two Infernos ... Originally billed themselves as Los Infernales, but they lost that name to El Satanico, the original Inferno of the 1970s ... Feuded with Shocker until his recent defection to the *rudo* camp ... Continues to dodge El Hijo del Santo's challenges for a mask vs. mask match ... His solid finisher is a reverse superplex from the top turnbuckle.

142 SYXX-PAC

(6'2", 212, 14, 80) This former DX member continued his rebellious ways in XPW and NWA-TNA this year after leaving WWE ... Has returned to regular competition on the independent circuit,

wrestling all over North America, most notably with 3PW and XPW ... Won the TNA X division title in October 2002, holding the belt for only a few weeks ... Caused a stir this winter by announcing his engagement to Joanie "Chyna" Laurer, a former DX partner ... No word on whether the couple ever got a congratulatory gift from Triple-H ... Also appeared on the Christmas edition of Anna Nicole Smith's self-titled show on *E! Entertainment Television* ... Was the reigning XPW TV champion when the promotion went on hiatus ... Resurfaced in TNA on its first anniversary show.

143 GRAN APOLO

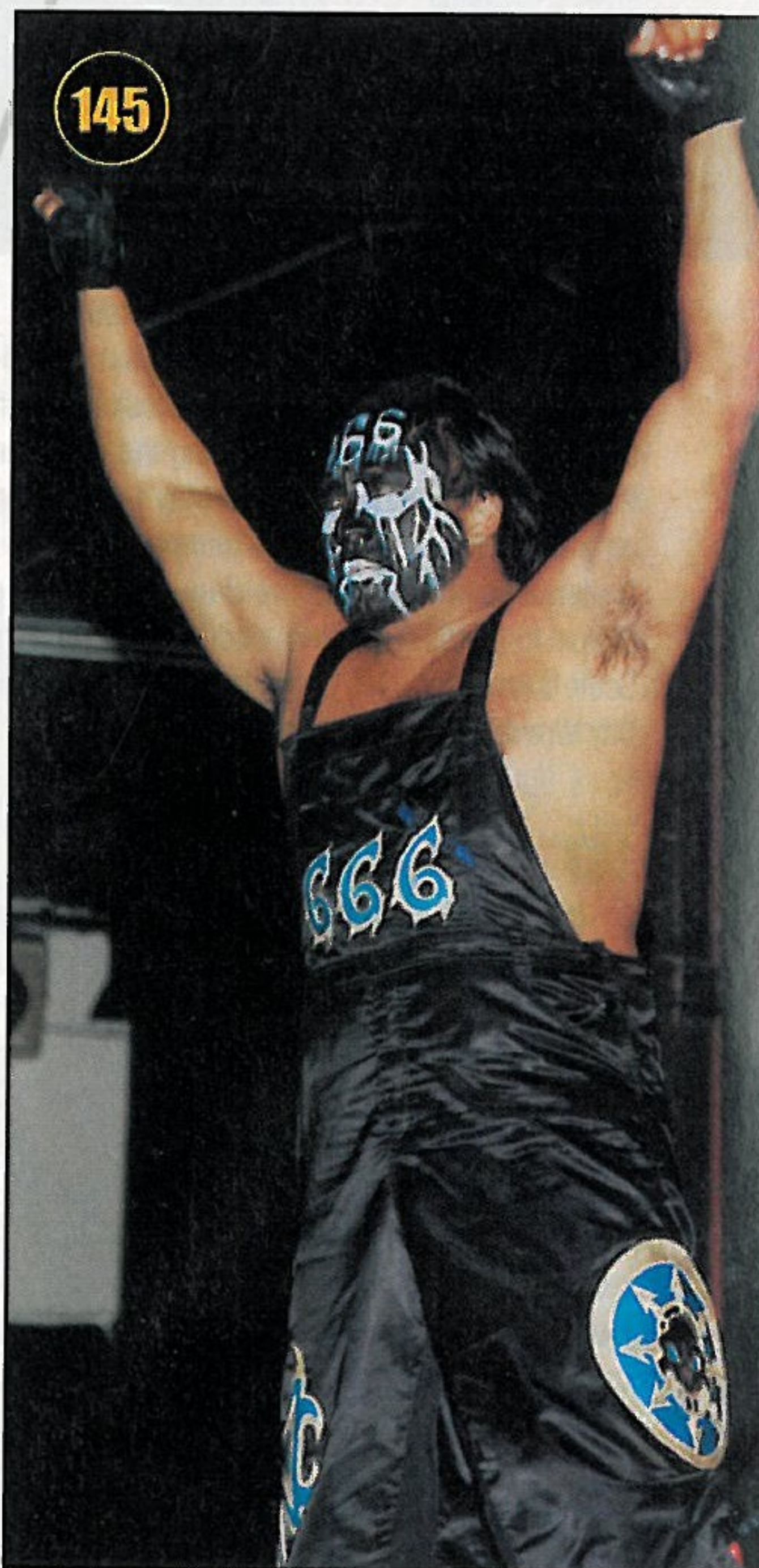
(6'4", 265, 4, 160) Based in Puerto Rico's International Wrestling Association ... Made several appearances in TNA last year, most notably in the "Gauntlet For The Gold" battle royal for the NWA title at its premiere event ... Returned to the IWA after injuring his neck ... Attacked several times by Savio Vega ... Improved his all-around game, and established his Rock bottom as one of the most effective maneuvers in Puerto Rico ... His other finishers include the power bomb, full nelson slam, and inverted figure-four leglock ... Currently the most popular star in the IWA ... Has both fought and teamed with Ricky Banderas ... Has toured Mexico and Japan ... Had some trouble during his matches with Mahoney ... Lives in Ponce, Puerto Rico ... Once considered a top prospect by WWE.

144 DON HARRIS

(6'5" 298, 15, NL) Got into hot water for appearing on an NWA-TNA PPV wearing a T-shirt that depicted the lightning "S" logo once promoted by German Nazis ... Ron and Don Harris are one of the most effective brawling teams in wrestling, and are currently among the top contenders to the NWA tag title ... Team also has been known as The Bruise Brothers, Jacob and Eli Blu, Creative Control, and part of The Disciples of Apocalypse ... Trained by Rocky Montana ... Don considers himself to be the enforcer of the team ... Held the tag titles in the CWA, USWA, and Pacific Northwest in their first four years as pros ... As DOA, the brothers were managed by Paul Ellering during one of their forgettable stints in the WWF ... Held the WCW tag title in 2000 ... Competed in the 25th annual All-Japan tag team tournament in 2001 ... Defeated Malice in a last-man-standing singles match ... Currently feuding with The New Church, America's Most Wanted, and Team Extreme in NWA-TNA.

145 DAMIEN 666

(5'9", 210, 11, 211) One-half of Mexico's Most Wanted with Halloween, the two are booked all over Mexico and the United States for tag team matches ... Independent hero can be found center stage in Tijuana ... Held the XPW and XLUM tag titles with Halloween for most of the year ... Former WCW star was overlooked in the talent-rich cruiserweight division ... Has international experience in Puerto Rico, ECW, and throughout Japan ... Feuded with Sabu off and on for several years ... Sometimes aligned with Rey Misterio Sr. as La Familia, and they even add Nicho El Millonario to the mix for some matches ... Competed in the 1995 Super J Cup Tournament hosted by the WAR promotion, but he lost to Gran Naniwa ... Known for imitating the trademark moves of men like Hulk Hogan, The Great Muta, and Mitsuharu Misawa ... Once wrestled under a mask as UltraMan in Mexico in the early-1990s, but he was unmasked by Psicosis.



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146 CHRIS SABIN

(6', 215, 3, 435) Competes throughout Ontario, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, and Florida ... Combines technical expertise with high-flying ... Lost to Frankie Kazarian at the 2003 Super 8 in what was widely considered the tournament's best opening-round bout ... Shares "The Future" nickname with Kazarian, which

the roaring elbow ... Long feud with Mike "Gladiator" Awesome is the stuff of legend in the Orient ... Famed for his fantastic finishing move, a flipping Ace crusher he calls the diamond dust.

148 RON HARRIS

(6'5", 300, 15, NL) Sometimes known as the faster of the twin Harris brothers, but that's debatable ... Ron and Don are one of the most effective brawling teams in wrestling, and are currently doing damage in NWA-TNA ... Heavily influenced by Bruiser Brody ... Team also has been known as The Bruise Brothers, Jacob and Eli Blu, Creative Control, and part of The Disciples of Apocalypse ... Both brothers were trained by Rocky Montana ... Held the tag titles in the CWA, USWA, and Pacific Northwest in their first

made that showdown even more interesting ... The current Maximum Pro TV champion ... Appeared in NWA-TNA, where he has quickly risen to the top of the X division, winning the belt from Red during a three-way bout on May 14 ... Went on a World Wrestling All-Stars tour of Australia ... A standout graduate of the Can-Am Wrestling School in Windsor, Ontario, under the tutelage of Scott D'Amore ... His home promotion is Border City Wrestling ... A native of Michigan.

147 MASATO TANAKA

(5'11", 213, 10, 91) Former star of FMW and later ECW has found success both in singles and tag team competition with Shinya Hashimoto's Zero-One promotion in Japan ... A tremendous brawler with a great mat background and sound power move arsenal ... Recently vacated the PWF tag title he won with Shinjiro Otani ... Sometimes battles C.W. Anderson in his visits to the United States ... Japanese fan favorite is known for his fighting spirit and scarred body from years of violent matches ... Floated from group to group for a while before settling in with Zero-One, giving him experience everywhere from Big Japan to All-Japan ... Loves to use the rolling elbow, which people often misinterpret as

four years as pros ... Twice held the PNW heavyweight (singles) title, beating Demolition Crush and Steve Doll ... As DOA, the brothers were briefly managed by Paul Ellering in the WWF ... Co-holder of the WCW World tag title in 2000 ... Worked as Jeff Jarrett's hired muscle in WCW ... Competed in the 25th annual All-Japan tag team tournament in 2001 ... Currently feuding with The New Church, America's Most Wanted, and Team Extreme in NWA-TNA.

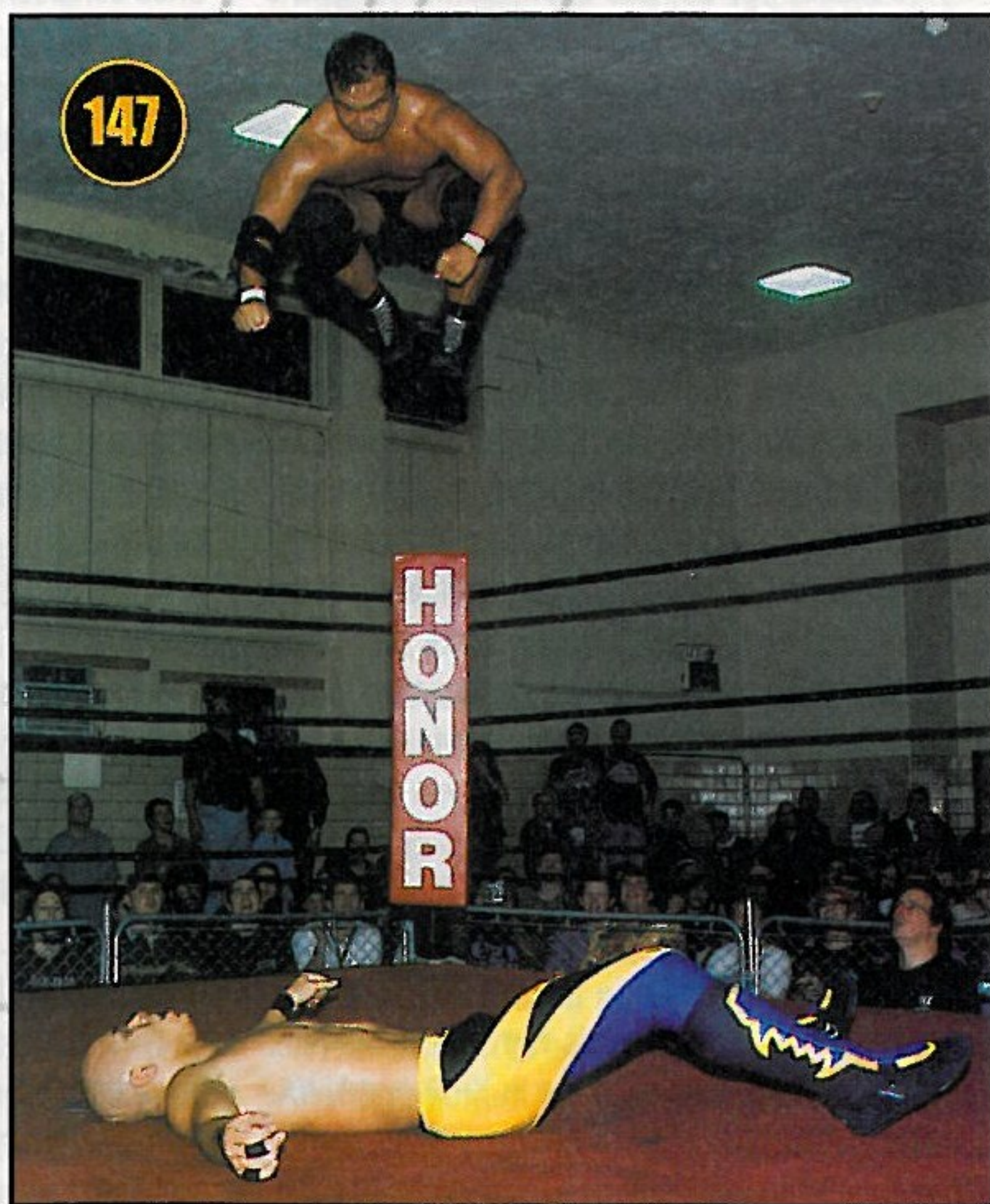
149 JOSE MAXIMO

(5'9", 190, 3, 253) Injured his knee while competing in Japan's Zero-One in late-2002 ... Guttured out that injury to continue his full schedule of engagements throughout the Northeast ... He and his brother, Joel, held the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title for over a year ... The Maximo brothers lost the belts to Ace Darling and Striker ... Also

competed in Ring of Honor, the Premier Wrestling Federation, Jersey All Pro Wrestling, NWA Wildside, and Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Appeared on many NWA-TNA pay-per-views ... The Maximos are original members of the Spanish Announce Team, which has also included their cousin, The Amazing Red, and Brian XL ... Smaller than his brother, Joel ... Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... A native of Brooklyn, New York ... Had a spot in a commercial for the 2002 King of the Ring.

150 PREDATOR

(6'6", 307, 5, 216) Enjoyed an outstanding year in Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Zero-One ... Extremely agile for his huge size ... Viewers of Samurai TV voted him the most popular American wrestler in Japan ... His devastating finisher is a version of the fisherman buster ... Faced tag team partner Tom Howard in an action-packed UPW match ... He and Howard had a great match against Shinjiro Ohtani and Masato Tanaka at California's Galaxy Theatre ... His finishers are the face driver and spin doctor ... Wrestled under his real name, Sylvester Terkay, last year, and then adopted his Japanese nickname, Predator, for his UPW appearances as well ... A former NCAA champion and WWE developmental talent ... His only amateur wrestling loss in college was to Kurt Angle ... Reigned as the first Ultimate Pro Wrestling champion in 1998 ... Hometown is Pittsburgh.



151 B.G. JAMES

(6'2", 261, 10, NL) Oh, you didn't know that Road Dogg is now B.G. James? ... Competed in NWA-TNA for much of the past year ... The youngest member of the Armstrong wrestling clan, but don't mention the Armstrong curse to him ... Veteran of the Persian Gulf War ... Made his pro debut in 1993 in Smoky Mountain Wrestling ... Also competed in WCW and the USWA ... Entered the WWF as Jeff Jarrett's mysterious Roadie ... Was outed as the voice behind "With My Baby Tonight," Jarrett's country single ... Formed an incredibly successful team with Billy Gunn known as The New Age Outlaws ... The Outlaws were recruited by Triple-H and became part of DeGeneration X ... Beat Val Venis to win the Intercontinental title ... Formed a tag team with Ron Killings (then known as K-Kwik) after DX fell apart ... Was released by the WWF before the team could go anywhere ... Debuted in NWA-TNA on September 18, 2002, as the masked Bullet, a tribute of sorts to his father, Bob Armstrong ... Suffered some internal injuries in a car accident, forcing him to miss some indy appearances ... Beat arch-enemy Jarrett by DQ on September 25, 2002 ... Formed an effective tag team with Curt Hennig in TNA and feuded with The Disciples of the New Church ... Was a charter member of Vince Russo's SEX clique ... Feuded with former partner Killings, losing a chain/chair match to his old rap buddy ... Suffered the most embarrassing loss of his career to the one-legged Tenacious Z ... Still an entertaining performer, but seems to have lost a step from his WWF prime.

152 DAVID YOUNG

(6'1" 246, 14, 220) Won the NWA Wildside title on two occasions in 2002 ... Faced Steve Corino in a superb match at an IPW show ... Teamed with Corino in Japan's Zero-One ... A regular competitor in NWA-TNA's X division ... Accompanied by Bobcat at first in TNA, but is now usually seen with Sonny Siaki ... Ventured up to Philadelphia to compete for Ring of Honor ... Spent a good part of his career as a tag team specialist as a member of Bad Attitude with Rick Michaels ... Now prefers to wrestles as a singles competitor ... Known as "The Messiah Of The Spinebuster."

153 KAZ HAYASHI

(5'8", 187, 11, 87) Cut his teeth in Mexico and the rings of Michinoku Pro

in the early- and mid-'90s on his way to stardom ... Was known as the masked Shiryu before being brought to WCW sans hood by Sonny Onoo ... Honed his skills in the WCW cruiserweight division opposite men like Ultimo Dragon and Billy Kidman ... Languished in the WWE developmental program after WCW was sold to the McMahon family, but was granted a release so he could return to his native Japan ... Now feuds with Kendo Ka Shin in All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he has been trying to capture the junior heavyweight title ... Sometimes teams with former Michinoku rival Gran Hamada, who now also competes for All-Japan ... Has experience in New Japan, IWRG, and a host of other international companies ... Has a great combination move that begins with the dragon suplex and floats over into a Crippler cross-face submission.

154 SEAN CASEY

(5'9", 210, 11, 185) Recently diagnosed with a temporary cardiovascular condition, which will sideline him for four to six months ... Feuding with Buff Bagwell in Blue Water Championship Wrestling ... A member of the GQ Centerfolds stable, along with Michael Barnes and Matt Longtime ... Has held the Ohio Valley light heavyweight and Heartland Wrestling Association tag team titles ... Wrestled Jerry Lawler in RCW ...



His finishing maneuver is the mindblower ... Competes in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois ... Resides in Cincinnati ... Calls himself "Sexy" Sean ... Accompanied to the ring by The Sexettes.

155 SAMOA JOE

(6'3", 290, 3, 230) This rather large Samoan has the reflexes of a cat and the boxing power of a kangaroo ... Yes, kangaroos box. Look it up on the Internet ... His incredible upper body strength is reminiscent of a kangaroo's, but he certainly doesn't have their puny little arms ...

Despite this strange comparison, he is definitely a worthy Ring of Honor champion ... Tends to just plow over whom-ever is unlucky enough to get in the ring with him ... Likes to incorporate martial arts moves into his matches ... He also likes to try to knock his opponent's head off using chops, kicks, and punches ... Tours regularly with Zero-One in Japan ... Can also take to the air when necessary, which is a scary sight ... Has had notable matches with Masato Tanaka, Shinjiro Ohtani, Doug Williams, and Low-Ki ... Some of his favorite moves include the CCS enzuigiri, Dragon suplex, chimeraplex, and the island driver.

156 VAMPIRO

(6'2", 214, 14, NL) Former WCW star has returned to Mexico, where he first achieved star status ... Back in the rings of EMLL, where he is known as Vampiro Canadiense, meaning Canadian Vampire ... Not warmly received at first, as the Mexican media was quick to call him lazy and out of shape, prompting him to step up his in-ring performance ... Locked in a feud with Shocker; their matches have drawn large crowds everywhere they have gone ... No longer dons his familiar face paint ... Held the WCW tag team title with The Great Muta for a day in 2000, before losing to Juventud Guerrera and Rey Misterio Jr. ... Known for his precision kicks, especially those that quickly knock his opponents off their feet ... Once considered the most popular wrestler in Mexico after Konnan, Vampiro is now a regular headliner once again.

157 FLASH FLANAGAN

(6'2", 225, 11, 162) Earned a reputation for being Ohio Valley Wrestling's resident "angry young man" ... Jim Cornette also refers to him as "the man who loves to steal the show" ... Claimed that unofficial title with an upset victory over Chris Jericho in 2001 ... Very skilled technical wrestler who tends to get frustrated quickly and resort to brawling tactics ... The harder you hit him, the harder he hits back ... Perfectly willing to absorb three shots to deliver one of his own ... Flash is a four-time OVW champion and four-time OVW Southern tag team champion ... Has

also held the NWA North American tag team title, PCW Americas title, PCW tag team title, USWA tag title, and MCW American tag title ... Previously teamed with Wolfie D, Steven Doll, Billy Travis, and Nick Dinsmore ... The team of Flash and Trailer Park Trash gave new definition to the term "winning ugly" ... Actually has a great aerial game and is not afraid to perform suicide dives outside the ring.

158 JOEL MAXIMO

(5'9", 200, 3, 251) He and his brother, Jose, had an amazing reign as East Coast Wrestling Association tag team champions that lasted more than a year ... They recently lost the title to Ace Darling and Striker ... The Maximo brothers have feuded with Prince Nana and Mega, along with Billy Bax and Rob Eckos, in the ECWA ... In high demand throughout the wrestling business, especially in the Northeast ... Their appearances in Ring of Honor and Japan's Zero-One were particularly noteworthy ... Also competed in NWA Wildside, the Premier Wrestling Federation, Jersey All Pro Wrestling, and Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Appeared on NWA-TNA alongside and against Red ... Larger than his brother, Jose ... He is a cousin of The Amazing Red ... Although the Maximos once comprised the Spanish Announce Team with Red and Brian XL, they are rapidly becoming exclusively synonymous with the name ... Appeared in a commercial for the 2002 King of the Ring ... Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... A native of Brooklyn, New York.

159 MANABU NAKANISHI

(6'1", 266, 8, 80) Has made it to the finals of the G1 Climax Tournament in the past, but hasn't been able to win the big one ... Couldn't capture the IWGP title from Yuji Nagata; the two had several long, exhausting matches ... Held the IWGP tag title twice, once in 1999 with Nagata, and once with in 1997 with Satoshi Kojima as his partner ... Master of the torture rack, he has even managed to put the massive Bob Sapp up into the backbreaker for a short period of time ... Eventually lost to Sapp in what might have been the highest-profile match of his career, thanks to



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Sapp's celebrity status in the Orient ... Trained briefly under Karl Gotch in Florida ... Off-and-on partnership with Osamu Nishimura hasn't yielded any title shots for the so-called Gotch Duo ... Heavyweight is finally finding consistent singles success, if not stardom, in New Japan ... Old WCW fans might remember his brief stint as Kurasawa here in the States, when he broke Road Warrior Hawk's arm.

160 TRASH

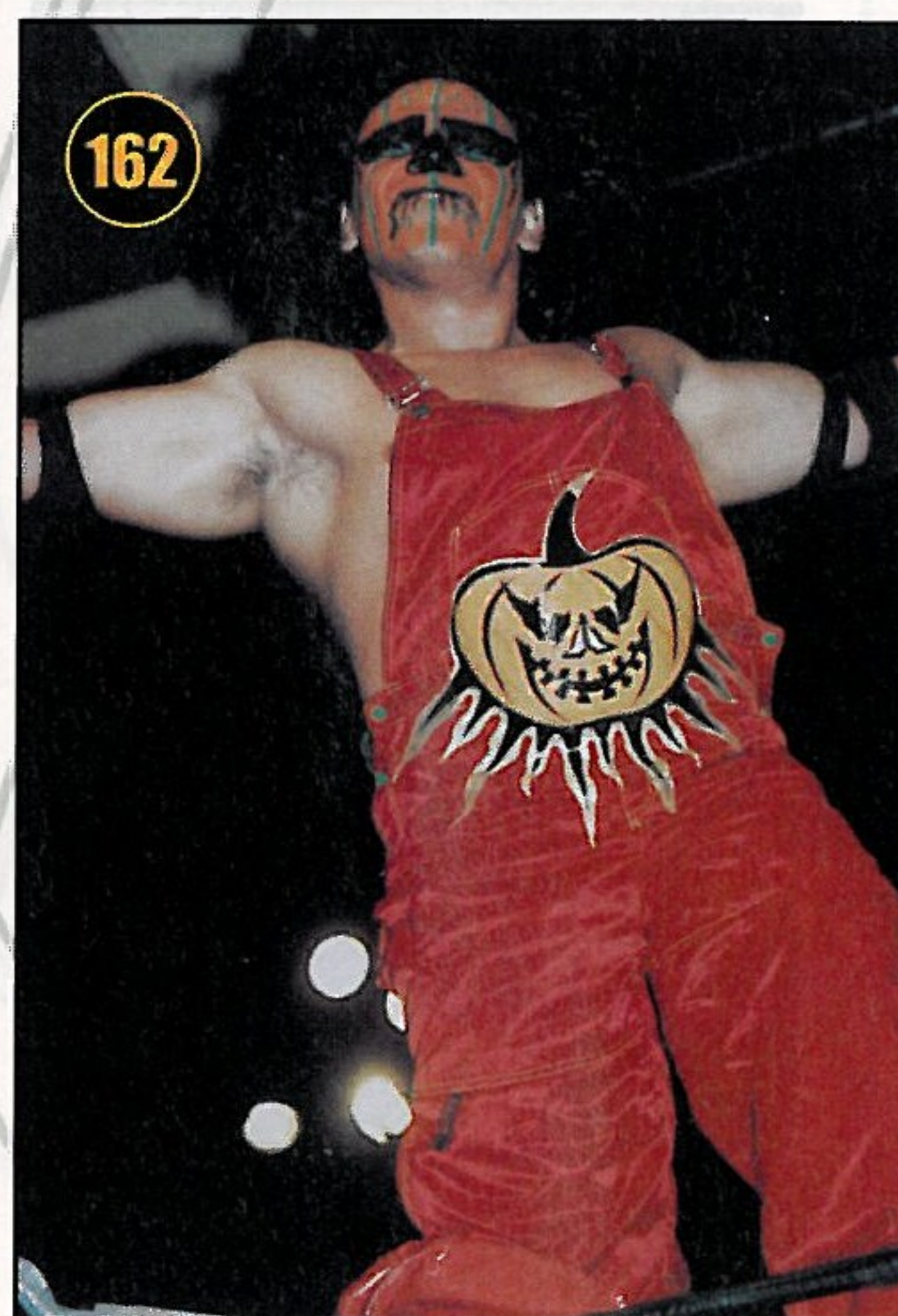
(6'1", 230, 9, 190) The man formerly known as Trailer Park Trash has finally found his way out of the trailer park ... Teamed with Flash to win the OVW Southern tag team title ... The OVW Training Academy may teach technical skills, but Trash relies almost entirely on hardcore brawling tactics ... Trash was the first man to hold the OVW hardcore title ... Was fined \$500 and briefly suspended for interfering in a tag title match at OVW's "Fall Brawl" ... Five hundred bucks is a lot of money for the man hailing from "the trailer park down the block" ... Typically likes to wear opponents down one body part at a time, often starting with the arm and working to the shoulders and neck ... Has been known to surprise opponents with his flying bodypress ... Calls his finisher the east end (formerly known as the Trailer jack) ... Also has an effective DDT ... Very nearly pinned then-OVW champion Nova in a non-title match in late-2002 ... Never without his trusty set of brass knuckles.

161 JUDO SUWA

(5'9", 210, 6, NL) One of the most popular characters in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group, he is part of the Crazy MAX stable with CIMA, Taru, and Sumo Fuji ... Always feuding with Tokyo Magnum's Do-Fixer and The Italian Connection stables ... Known for his incredible John Wu corner dropkick that sends opponents all the way across the ring ... Appeared in Michinoku Pro's 2000 Super J Cup, but he didn't fare too well ... Wrestles all over Mexico and Japan ... Took some time off last year to heal nagging injuries, then came back as strong as ever ... Favorite finisher is the pedigree—he calls his variation the triple-F.

162 HALLOWEEN

(5'9", 212, 14, NL) Along with Damien 666, he forms the red-hot Mexico's Most Wanted tandem ... The duo is extremely popular in Tijuana ... Orange pumpkin mask made him easy to spot in the WCW cruiserweight division, but he has since lost the hood ... Sometimes paints his face with a design similar to the mask he used to wear ... He and Damien held the XPW tag title this past year, as well as the tag title in the Tijuana-based XLUM ... Joins Rey Misterio Sr. and Nicho in La Familia from time to time ... Popped up on EMLL TV a few times, but his independent commitments keep him more than busy ... Rose to stardom with AAA several years back as part of a breakout group of Luchadors organized under



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Konnan ... Splits his time between Mexico and the United States.

163 THE SANDMAN

(6'3", 240, 14, 172) Hardcore legend was actually considering retirement not too long ago ... Body has taken plenty of abuse due to both his extreme ring style and his lifestyle, but Sandman has shown a renewed commitment to staying in shape ... Competed in WCW as Hardcore Hak but never caught on like he did in ECW ... Former ECW champion competed in XPW throughout 2002 ... Feuded with Pogo the Clown, among others ... Held the UWF Universal title but was stripped of the belt for due to concerns of his outside affiliations and personal issues ... Lost to Chris Candido in the finals for the vacant LWE title ... Made a surprise debut in NWA-TNA on February 12, 2003, losing to Raven in his first match ... Lost to Raven in an intense Clockwork Orange House of Fun match with the deranged Kevin Sullivan serving as referee ... Fared slightly better in his Clockwork Orange showdown with Sonny Siaki which went to a no contest ... Sandman has allied himself with Team Extreme, though any alliance with Sandman is volatile by nature ... Beer-drenched ring entrances still popular with the fans in the Asylum ... Uses his famous White Russian leg sweep to set up his DDT finisher.

164 B.J. PAYNE

(6'1", 245, 4, 223) Has returned to action after a long rehabilitation for what could have been a career-ending neck injury ... Before he suffered the injury, Payne and Flash Flanagan held the OVW Southern tag title as fan favorites and feuded with The Disciples of Synn ... When Flash and Payne had a falling-out, Payne beat his partner in a winner-keeps-the-title match ... He then selected Damien as his partner, joining The Disciples of Synn in the process ... Payne and Damien won a pair of Southern tag titles and feuded with Brock Lesnar and Shelton Benjamin, The Minnesota Stretching Crew ... On May 11, 2002, Payne was seriously injured in a match against Batista (Leviathan) ... Returned to action in November 2002 but made it clear he was not happy with the way Synn and Damien had treated him during his rehab ... He was booted

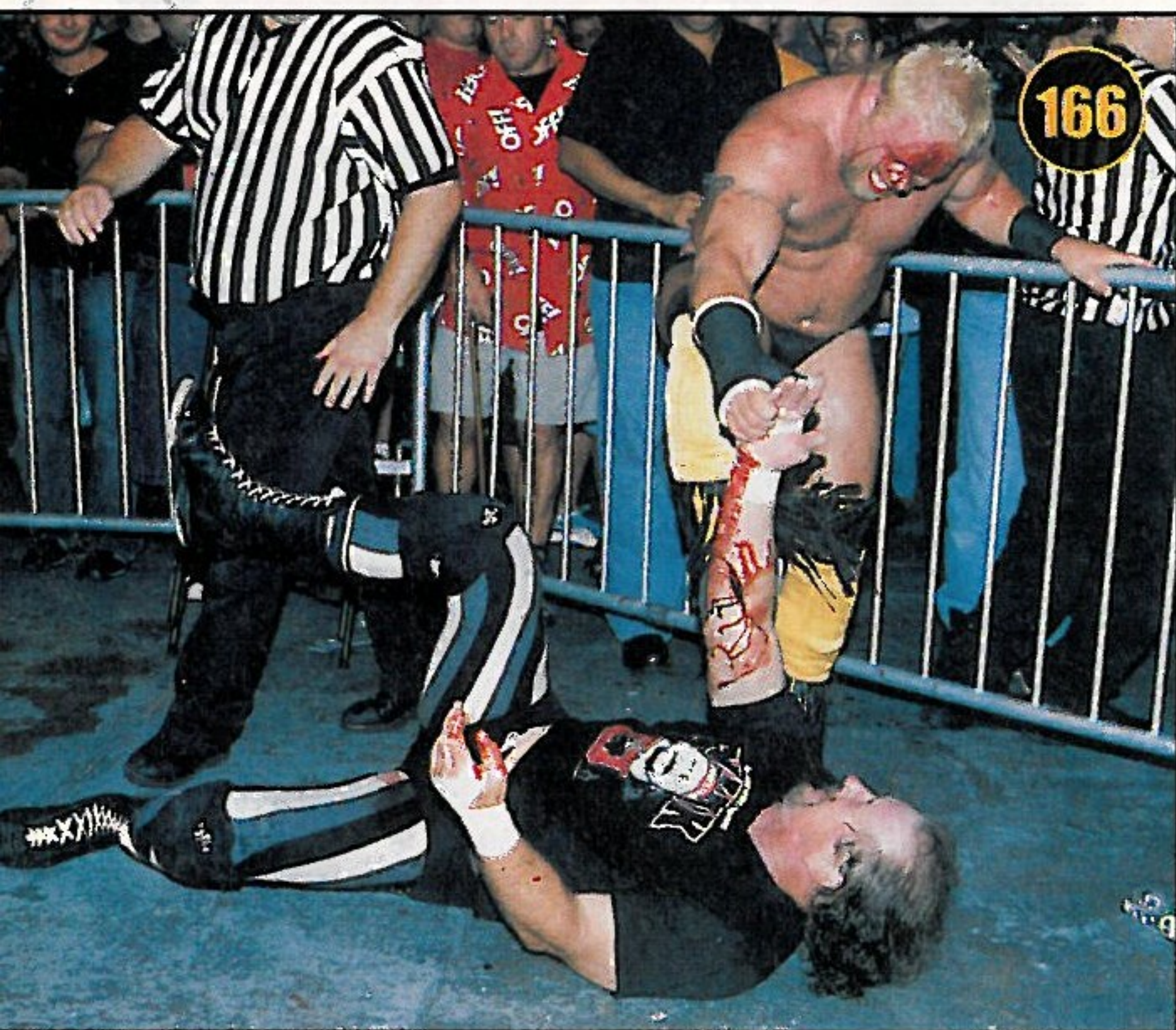
from The Disciples of Synn as a result ... Now back on his own after alienating almost everyone else in OVW ... Has vowed to extract revenge on Synn and her cronies ... Played Division III football in college.



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165 RICKY BANDERAS

(6', 230, 7, NL) The current International Wrestling Association hardcore champion in Puerto Rico ... Has feuded with Ray Gonzales over the IWA heavyweight title for most of the time he has been in the promotion ... Has held the heavyweight belt on several occasions ... Prefers devastating chair shots over actual finishers ... His favorite legal moves include the spinning kick, front kick, and facebuster ... The scorpion lock is his submission finisher ... Resides in Bayamon, Puerto Rico ... He and Apolo still have an on/off relationship ... Glamour Boy Shane and The Headhunters are among his fiercest rivals ever ... Often uses the Mesias face bomb and Mesias splash to win matches ... Has also competed in Japan ... Last ranked at 227 in the 2001 "PWI/500."



166 SHANE DOUGLAS

(6'1", 240, 17, 149) "The Franchise" had seemingly found the perfect home in Xtreme Pro Wrestling, alongside Lizzy Borden ... Still technically the XPW heavyweight champion, a title he won in early-2002 ... That title claim might be disputed by the FBI and postal inspectors who raided XPW's parent company on a federal warrant in April ... Company has been on hiatus since then ... Defeated several of the top contenders to the belt, including Vic Grimes, Justin Credible, and Chris Candido ... Also competes in the WWA, where he has faced fellow ECW alumni Sabu and Rick Steiner ... Still one of the best talkers in the game, but often comes across as being a tad too bitter ... Recently broke his arm, but was still able to make his TNA debut in June.

167 DANNY DORING

(5'11", 212, 5, 180) Emerged as the longest-reigning NWA Florida State champion in years ... Feuded with The Alliance of Defiance ... His title loss to Billy Fives in a bullrope match was marred by the interference of Scoot Andrews and Mike Sullivan ... Ended The Bruiser's long reign as Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder in January ... Triumphed in a gauntlet series of MCW title defenses against Mid-Eastern Wrestling Federation invaders on May 15, culminating in a win over Corporal Punishment ... Appeared at Xtreme Pro Wrestling's "Hostile Takeover" at the old ECW Arena, otherwise known as Viking

Hall ... Holds victories over Steve Corino and Christopher Daniels ... Suffered an injured sternum and ribs at the hands of Vic Grimes at an XPW show ... Once held the ECW World tag team title with Roadkill ... Wrestled Tazz in his 1998 debut ... Hails from Wildwood, New Jersey.

168 SCORPIO

(5'11", 229, 14, 68) High-flying sensation is considered the "foreign ace" in NOAH, where he has surpassed Vader as the top American star ... Has competed under a variety of names over the years, including Flash Funk, Flying Wazama, and 2 Cold Scorpio ... Vying for a contend-

er's match to challenge for the Global Honored Crown, he has never met champion Kenta Kobashi in a singles match ... Experience in Mexico, the United States, and Japan make Scorpio one of the most well-rounded veteran wrestlers active today ... A former ECW TV champion ... Originator of the Scorpio splash, or, as it's more commonly known, the 450 splash ... Despite his size, remains one of the most graceful aerialists in the business.

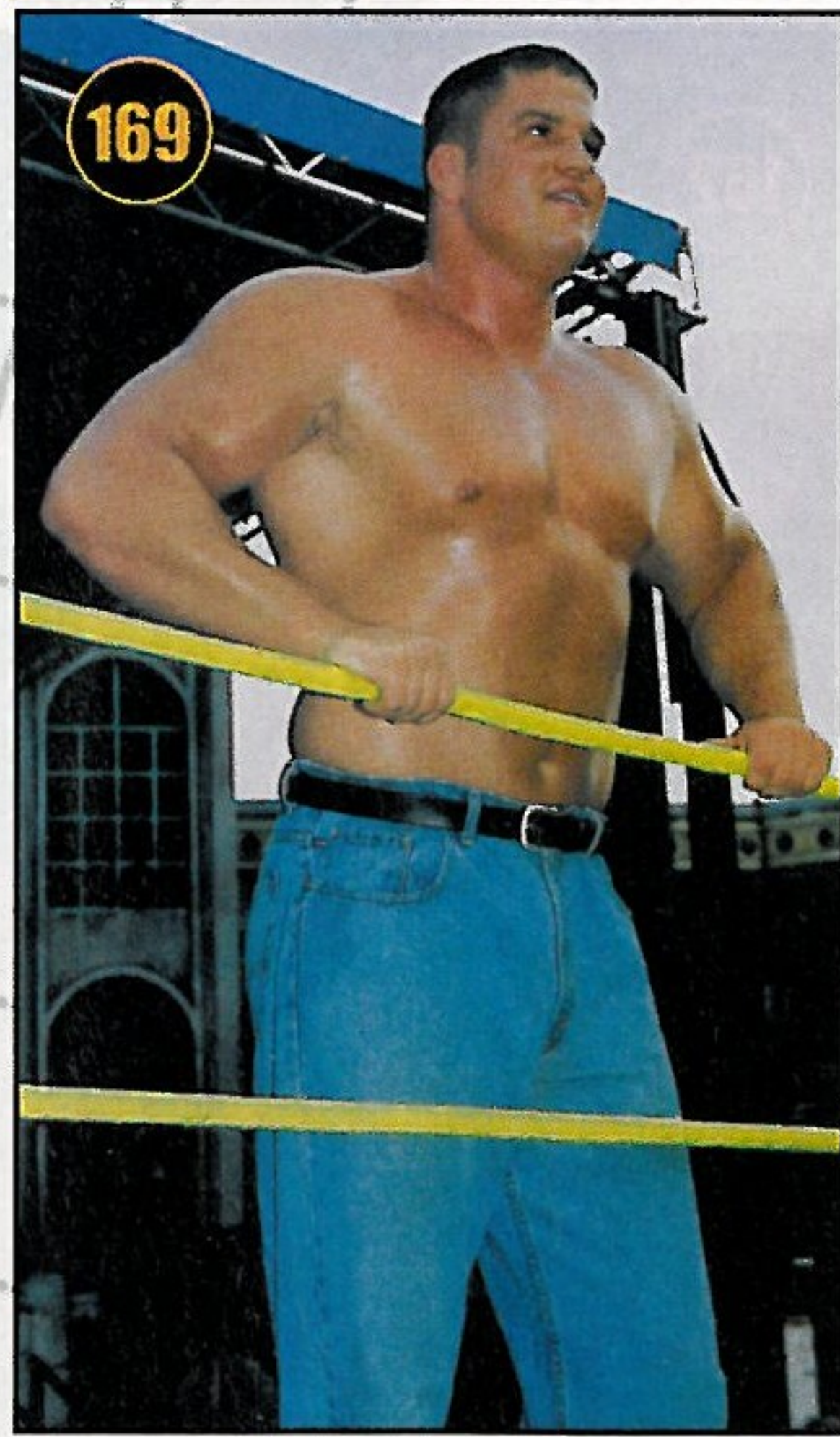
169 MATT MORGAN

(7', 330, 1, NL) Got a crash course introduction to the wrestling business courtesy of *Tough Enough 2* ... Established himself as an early favorite due to his size and made the final 13, but was forced to drop out due to a knee injury ... Following surgery, signed with OVW to continue his training ... Big fan of the big men, citing Andre, Undertaker, and Kane as his primary influences ... Clearly learned his choke-slam from watching Kane in action ... Lost to Kane on an OVW show in April, but Kane was very impressed ... Was named one of the top 10 high school basketball players in Connecticut in 1995 ... Also was named all-conference and all-state ... Earned a basketball scholarship to Monmouth University ... Was part of the 1996 Monmouth squad that won the NEC and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history ... In a way, his early career is eerily similar to that of Kevin Nash, right down to the knee problems ... Still very

green, but at 26 years old, has plenty of time to develop into a major star for WWE.

170 MALICE

(6'10", 320, 9, 161) Has been a player in NWA-TNA at times, but his appearances lately have been sporadic ... Trained at "Iron" Mike Sharpe's wrestling school in New Jersey, where he befriended Bam Bam Bigelow ... Continued his training at the WCW Power Plant, where he was noticed by Kevin Nash ... Given a position as The Wall, the stoic bodyguard for Berlyn (Alex Wright) ... Was overlooked by both The New Blood and Millionaires' Club in the feud that split WCW, and instead joined up with The Misfits in Action, a group that included Bill DeMott and Chavo Guerrero ... Was renamed Sgt. AWOL to fit in with the military theme ... Drastically changed his look, with a sleeker, tattooed body ... The WWF acquired Malice in the purchase of WCW in 2001, but released him from his deal ... Made it to the finals of the "Gauntlet For The Gold" for the NWA title (at the first TNA show), losing to Ken Shamrock ... Became the breakout star of the early TNA shows ... Feuded with Don Harris ... Has wrestled as Snuff in XPW and Gigantes II in Japan ... Feuded with Devon Storm, Super Crazy, and Vic Grimes in XPW ... Returned to NWA-TNA in March, interfering in a tag match ... Uses a brutal array of choke-slams and power bombs ... Might be better off concentrating his efforts in one promotion.



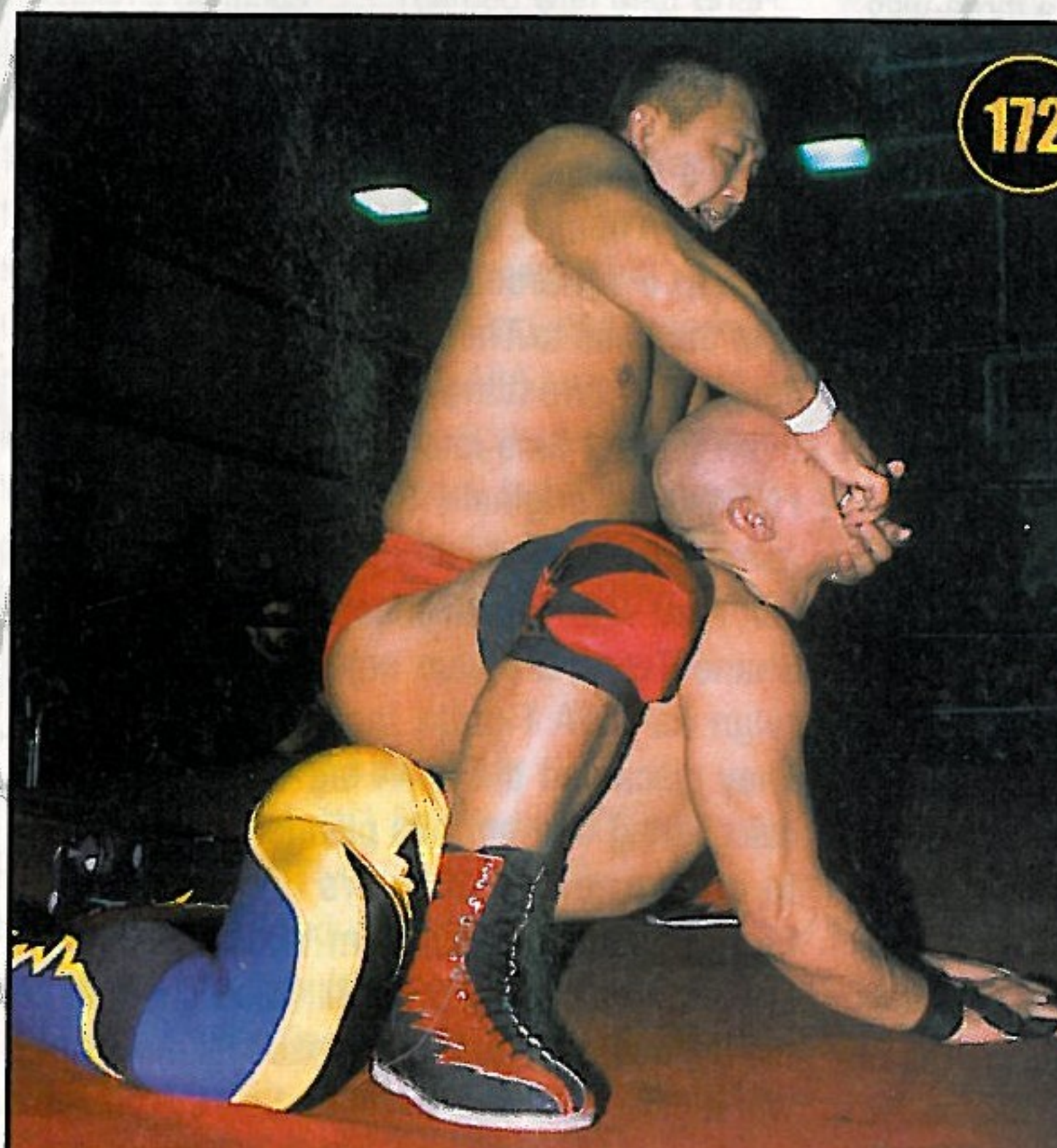
weight and TV champ ... Trained by Danny Dominion and Ace Steel ... His hometown is Chicago ... A member of The Second City Saints in Ring of Honor ... Known for his aerial skills and high endurance ... Recently debuted in the X division of NWA-TNA ... Has also competed in JAPW, JCW, RCW, WLW, MLW, CAPW, and in WWE dark matches.

172 SHINJIRO OTANI

(5'8", 224, 12, 145) Former junior heavyweight star of New Japan Pro Wrestling is now a heavyweight with the Zero-One promotion ... Held the IWGP junior heavyweight title during the unified J-Crown's tenure, but Otani dissolved the unification ... Long-time partner of Koji Kanemoto and Tatsuhiro Takaiwa is finding success with fellow Zero-One star Masato Tanaka ... The two won the Premier Wrestling Federation tag title in Pennsylvania, but vacated the championship ... Loves to subdue opponents with his cobra hold ... Broke into wrestling by showing up at New Japan house shows dressed as Jushin Liger ... Strong showings at the 1994 J-Cup and Skydiving J gave him national exposure ... Doesn't do as much flying as he did when he was 30 pounds lighter, but still has an awesome drag-supper in his repertoire.

171 C.M. PUNK

(6'1", 220, 5, 305) Defeating Raven was his high point of the past year ... Feuded with Chris Hero, mostly in IWA Mid-South ... His finisher is the Pepsi plunge, a pedigree from the top rope ... Has held the IWA heavyweight and lightweight titles, in addition to the Mid-American Wrestling and International Wrestling Cartel heavyweight belts ... Has also reigned as Steel Domain light-



173 EZ. MONEY

(6'2", 239, 13, 164) Has not only established himself as one of the most consistent workers on the indy circuit, but also the go-to guy for ordering personalized tights and ring gear ... May have a great eye for ring gear, but his mullet hairstyle still leaves a lot to be desired ... Previously competed in WWE's developmental system, in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Got a run in WCW during that promotion's final days under the name Jason Jett ... A technically proficient grappler, Money also has surprising aerial skills ... However, because of

his experience, he is more likely to beat younger opponents by capitalizing on their errors, rather than trying to wow anyone with his moves off the top rope ... Formed an effective tag team with fellow veteran Chris Hamrick ... Scored a major victory on February 8, 2003, when he defeated Chad Collyer, Michael Shane, and Colt Cabana in a four-way match in Ring of Honor ... Money may be a little older than many of his indy opponents, but he can wrestle circles around a large percentage of them, especially when they get him angry.

174 TAKA MICHINOKU

(5'7", 172, 12, NL) Former WWF light heavyweight champion now owns and operates the Kaientai Dojo in Japan ... Sometimes feuds with Minoru Fujita ... Former partner of Shoichi Funaki, the two were a long-suffering comedy duo in the WWE after the breakup of the classic Kaientai Deluxe lineup, which also included Dick Togo, Shiryu, and Men's Teoh ... Still pops up in Michinoku Pro from time to time, usually to battle Great Sasuke ... Strong showing against Eddie Guerrero at the 1994 Super J Cup helped him rise to stardom ... Has experience in Mexico and Puerto Rico as well ... Inventor of the move known as the Michinoku driver here in the States—in Japan it's called Michinoku driver II ... High-flyer popularized the spaceman plancha ... Now finishes off opponents with his crossface submission.

175 ORLANDO JORDAN

(6'2", 230, 5, 385) Known as "The Policy," Orlando Jordan trained under Rocky Johnson (and occasionally with Johnson's son, The Rock) in Florida ... The Miami native was a two-time All-American in high school football and a state champion in wrestling ... Went on to wrestle collegiately for Boise State ... Jordan is currently competing in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Had a brief title run in Maryland Championship Wrestling after defeating The Bruiser for the heavyweight championship ... The Bruiser regained the title a short time later ... Orlando is the brother of Marcus Jordan, also a veteran of MCW ... Previously competed in California's Urban Wrestling Alliance ... Idolized Johnson, Ric Flair, and Rick Steamboat as a youngster ... Lists dancing as one of his hobbies, and his fancy footwork gives him impressive agility in the ring ... Keeps himself in top shape with a comprehensive weight training and cardiovascular program ... A rising star in OVW who recently debuted on Smackdown.

176 ALEBRIJE

(5'10", 210, 4, 152) Went from being AAA's undercard joke to a main-eventer in record time ... Wears a brightly colored monster costume, complete with wings and claws ... Especially popular with kids, as is his mini sidekick, Cuije, who always finds ways to interject himself into matches ... Many of Alebrije's rivals are full-sized Luchadors that abuse the miniature Cuije ... Heavyweight *technico* is a talented aerial wrestler who isn't afraid to brawl ... Taller than the average Luchador ... His gaudy pink, green, and purple getup allows him to stand out in any crowd, even in wild eight-man tag matches ... Has been feuding off and on with Monster and his pint-sized counterpart, Chucky ... Regularly teams with Latin Lover, Mascara Sagrada, and AAA's La Parka Jr. ... Made sporadic appearances in the United States this year, primarily in Texas and Southern California on Lucha Libre cards.

177 TODD SHANE

(6'4", 290, 6, 187) Based in Florida ... Managed by Ron Niemi ... Teams with twin brother Mike as a member of 911 Inc. ... He and Mike beat Da Hit Squad for the Jersey All Pro tag team title ... JAPW later stripped them of the

championship ... Known throughout the

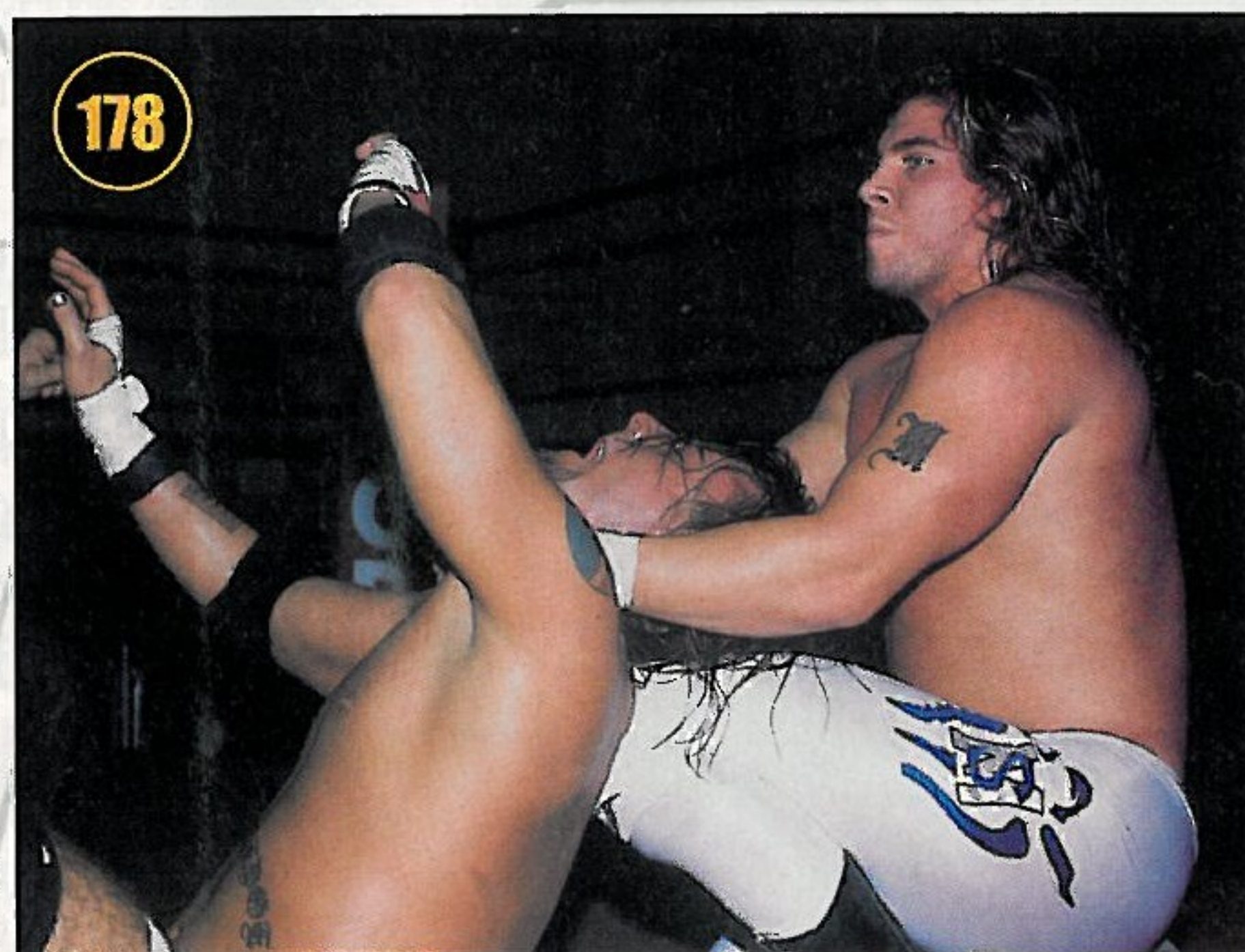
Southeast as one of Sonny's "Big Boys" from starring in several commercials for Sonny's BBQ Restaurants ... The Shane Twins wrestled Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas before the future Smackdown tag champs debuted on WWE television ... Saddled with the Johnsons gimmick in a short-lived stay in NWA-TNA ... The Shanes traded the IPW Hardcore tag team title with The Road Warriors during a tour of World Japan Pro Wrestling ... Also wrestled greats such as Riki Choshu and Kensuke Sasaki ... They went undefeated in a tour of Puerto Rico's WWC, where they are members of Ricky Santana's Millennium Wrestling Council ... The twins scored a pinfall victory over The Reggae-Tones, formerly known as The Headhunters ... Currently a co-holder of the IPW Hardcore and NWA Florida tag team titles with brother Mike.

178 MICHAEL SHANE

(6', 221, 3, NL) Graduated from the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy in early-2000 ... Feuded with fellow trainee Spanky in Ring of Honor this year ... Pinned Spanky and Paul London with his picture-perfect elbow in a three-way match ... That led to a streetfight with Paul London at another ROH show ... Other rivals include American Dragon and John Hope ... A former Texas Wrestling Alliance TV champ ... Has competed in WWE, WCW, ECW, Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling, Mexico's AAA, All-Japan, NWA-TNA, and Major League Wrestling ... Well-versed in technical wrestling as well as aerial moves ... Considered a daredevil and is sometimes compared to Rob Van Dam ... His hometown is San Antonio ... He is Shawn Michaels' cousin.

179 MIKE SANDERS

(6'1", 225, 5, 214) Went from student at the WCW Power Plant to WCW commissioner within two years ... Became the leader of The Natural Born Thrillaz in 2000 ... Keeping a bit of modesty, he adopted the unassuming nickname of "Above Average" Mike Sanders ... Defeated Elix Skipper to win the WCW cruiserweight title ...



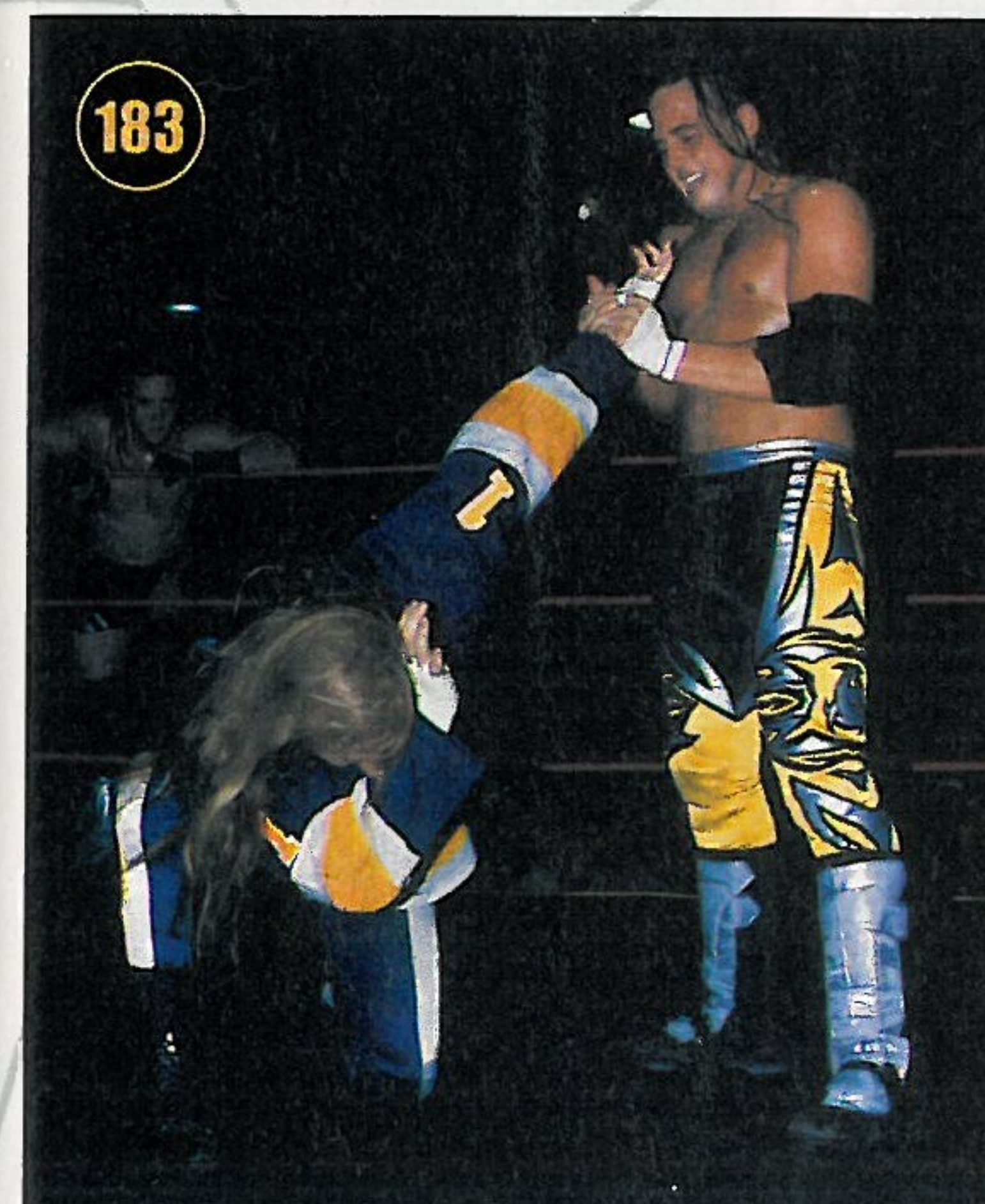
Was acquired by the WWF when Vince McMahon bought WCW and assigned to the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Teamed with Lance Cade to win the HWA tag title from Val Venis and Steve Bradley ... Was rumored to have been given a tryout for a WWE color commentator position, but nothing came of it ... Was released from WWE in late-2002 ... Competed on the World Wrestling All-Stars' European tour ... Joined NWA-TNA and became a part on Vince Russo's Sports Entertainment Xtreme faction ... On January 29, 2003, Sanders beat Ron Killings in the biggest victory of his career to date ... Beat Jason Styles on March 8, 2003, to win the California-based Big Time Wrestling title ... One of the great talkers in wrestling and an underrated in-ring performer.

180 MIKE SHANE

(6'4", 290, 6, 186) A member of Ron Niemi's 911 Inc. ... He and his identical twin brother, Todd, are in the midst of their fifth reign as IPW Hardcore tag team champions ... Lost the belts to The Road Warriors at a World Japan Pro Wrestling show before regaining them a short time later ... Hails from Tampa, Florida, but originally from Nebraska ... Became fan favorites after a very long and violent feud with The Alliance of Defiance ... The Shane Twins are also enjoying their second reign as NWA Florida tag team champs ... They discarded the NWA tag team belts after discovering that officials planned to allow TNA to crown new titleholders ... Members of Ricky Santana's Millennium Wrestling Council in Puerto Rico's WWC ... Billed as one-half of the Johnsons in TNA, recognized as one of the worst gimmicks of all-time ... Left the company as a result.

181 TOM HOWARD

(6'4", 260, 10, 193) Reigned as Ultimate Pro Wrestling champion for the past year ... Defeated "Fallen Angel" Christopher Daniels for the title in May 2002 ... Also regularly competes in Zero-



One, where he is one of the most successful American stars ... His only pinfall loss in Japan occurred at the hands of Shinya Hashimoto ... Frequently teams with Predator in Zero-One ... He and Predator faced Shinjiro Ohtani and Masato Tanaka in one of the best UPW matches of 2002-'03 ... Defended the UPW title against Predator at "Season's Beatings" ... Teamed with Matt Ghafari to defeat Shinya Hashimoto and Naoya Ogawa and capture the NWA Intercontinental tag team title in 2002 ... His finisher is the special techniques numbers one to 100 ... The head instructor at UPW's Ultimate University ... Proficient in Lucha Libre, shootfighting, and American styles ... His career began in AAA as KGB ... Has extensively toured Mexico and Japan ... A former WWE developmental prospect, but the company did not sign him to a full contract in 2000 when his developmental deal concluded.

182 JORGE ESTRADA

(5'10", 225, 4, NL) Finally earning respect after a stint in The Flying Elvies in NWA-TNA ... Group was fashioned after the skydiving squadron from the movie *Honeymoon In Vegas*, complete with cheesy sequined jumpsuits and outrageous sideburns ... Estrada was trained by "The American Dream" Dusty Rhodes ... Was on hand

for the very first edition of NWA-TNA ... Successfully incorporates Lucha Libre maneuvers with fundamental matwork, as well as some basic martial arts ... Along with Jimmy Yang, feuded with the Spanish Announce Team ... Made progress in distancing himself from the Elvies gimmick by soundly thrashing Disgraceland, a mess of a wrestler that was introduced by Glenn Gilberti ... Held the NWA North American title ... Successfully defended the title against veteran Tracey Smothers in February ... Has also competed in the IWA and NWA Wildside ... Dropped the North American title on May 3, 2003, to Hotstuff Hernandez ... A favorite among the discerning NWA-TNA fans.

183 JOEY MATTHEWS

(5'9", 185, 7, 151) He and Christian York lost a falls-count-anywhere match to The Holy Rollers, which stipulated the losers must never team again in Maryland Championship Wrestling ...

Continued teaming with York on occasion in other independents, including Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation and in WWE dark matches ... Pushed PWF Universal champion Steve Corino to the limit ... Defeated Jonny Storm and The Amazing Red in a three-way bout at a PWF show ... Captured the MCW Rage TV title ... Defended against York, and suckered him into thinking he had an injured leg ... Took advantage of York's compassion and beat him, sparking an intense feud between the two ... Considered a locker room leader despite the tantrums he throws in the ring ... Has made the rounds in the wrestling business, securing a full-time contract with ECW at one time, in addition to developmental deals with the WWF and WCW ... Calls himself "The Future."

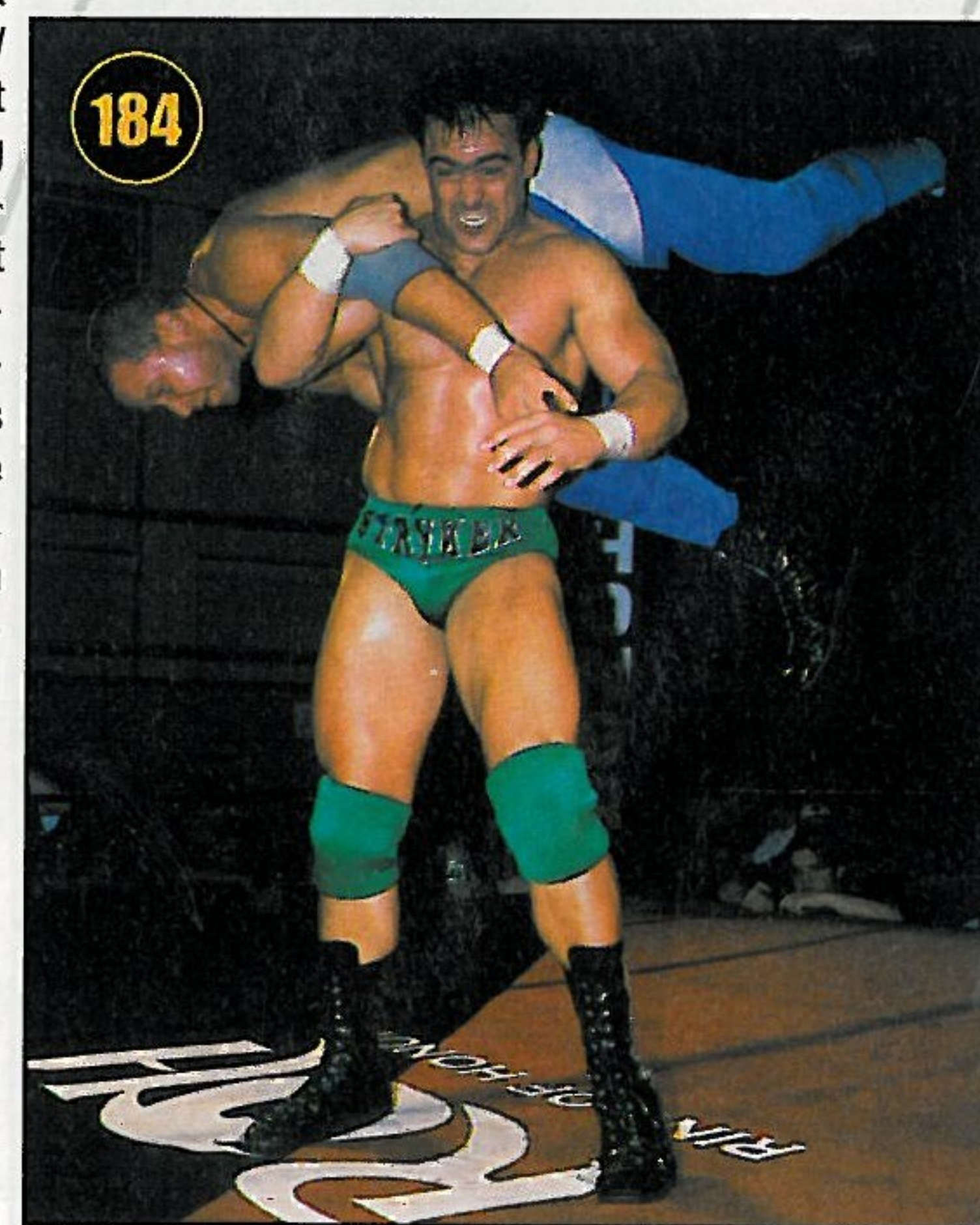
184 MATT STRYKER

(5'11", 210, 5, 192) His in-ring style is a blend of American and Japanese wrestling ... Competes primarily east of the Mississippi ... Based in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Has also wrestled for

WWE, NWA-TNA, NWA Midwest, NWA Wildside, and Ring of Honor ... His favorite finishers are the Death Valley driver and anklelock ... The Stryker driver is also fierce ... Feuding with Big Al Kajda ... Has held the HWA heavyweight, cruiserweight, and tag team titles ... Resides in Cincinnati, Ohio ... Loss to Jamie Noble in the opening round of the 2002 Super 8 remains his most memorable bout to date ... Also feuded with Noble over the HWA cruiserweight belt ... Other tough opponents have included Chad Collyer and Pepper Parks ... Wrestled alongside several future superstars on a regular basis when the HWA was part of the WWE developmental program.

185 OCTAGON

(5'7", 198, 14, 212) Veteran AAA *technico* has been a regular with the company for better than a decade ... Managed to unmask his evil counterpart Pentagon last year, but new incarnations pop up regularly ... Often joins Mascara Sagrada in battling his dark counterpart, Mascara Maligna ... Has survived countless mask vs. mask matches with his identity intact ... Known for his incredibly quick armdrags and dropkicks ... Octagoncito, the mini version of Octagon, is just as popular as his full-sized counterpart ... Has started to add pounds to his slim frame, but hasn't sacrificed much speed ... Gave up a promising career as an attorney to become a Luchador ... Favorite submission hold is the ground octopus hold, which he often applies from the side Russian legsweep.

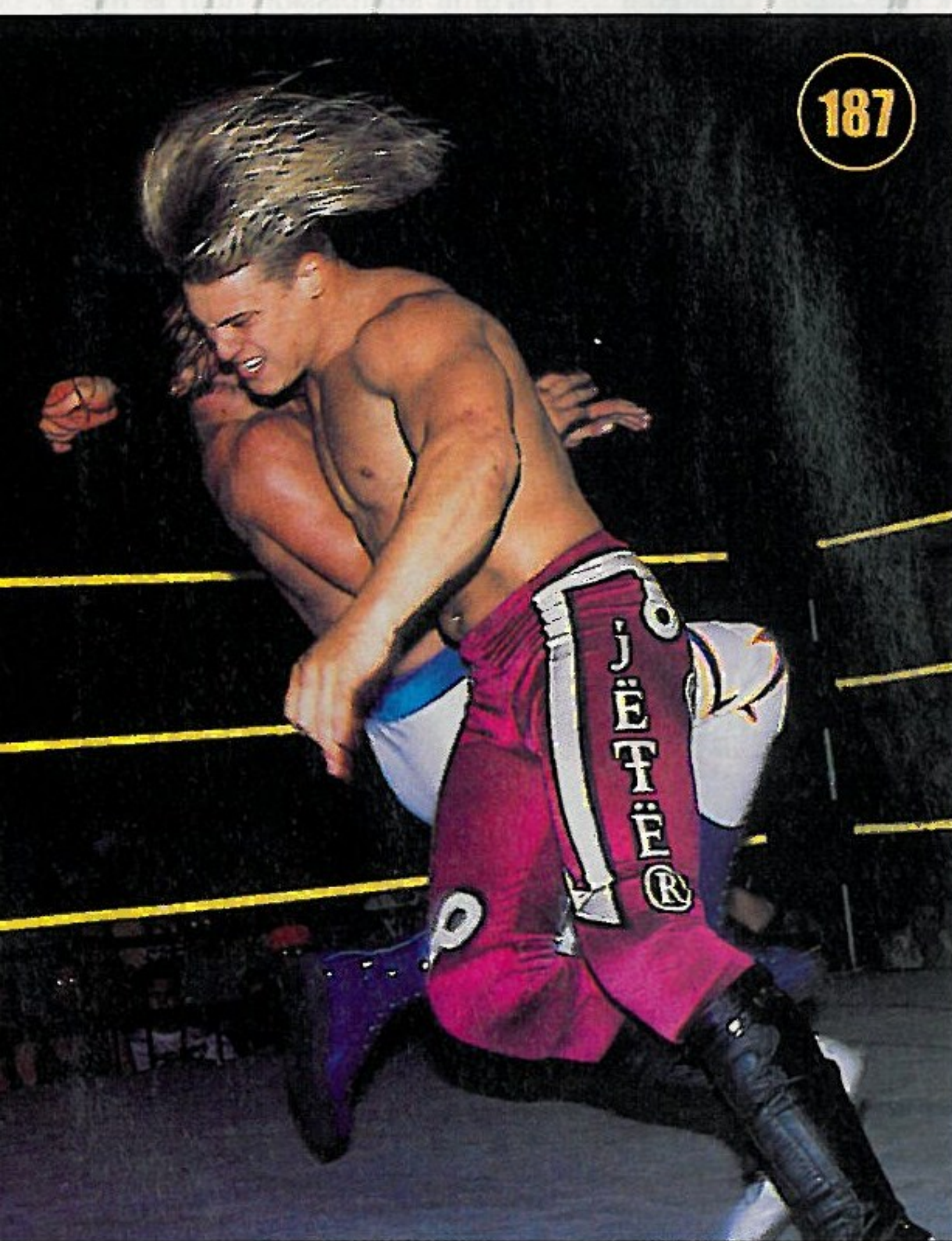


186 DRAGON KID

(5'6", 165, 5, 167) Ultimo Dragon's namesake is one of the new M2K players, under Masaaki Mochizuki ... Teamed with Ultimo regularly in Toryumon after the mobility was restored to Ultimo's arm ... Had excellent bouts as Ultimo's partner opposite EMLL stars Ultimo Guerrero and Rey Bucanero ... Splits his time between Mexico and Japan, the two countries in which the Toryumon is most popular ... Among the world's finest flyers, he has invented a number of breathtaking aerial moves ... Won the mask of Darkness Dragon last year, and even teamed with him for a short stint afterward ... Feuds with Tokyo Magnum's Do-Fixer group, which includes the remasked Darkness Dragon (now calling himself K-Ness) ... Famed for two daring variations of the huracanrana ... The Dragon ray is a blind rana from the tumblebuckles, and his Dragonrana is a 450 splash-turned-huracanrana ... Likes to make opponents tap out to el cristo, an unusual submission hold.

187 JOHNNY JETER

(6', 218, 1, NL) Native of San Diego, California, moved to Louisville to train at the OVW Training Center ... Very popular rookie has lost more matches than he's won, but always turns in



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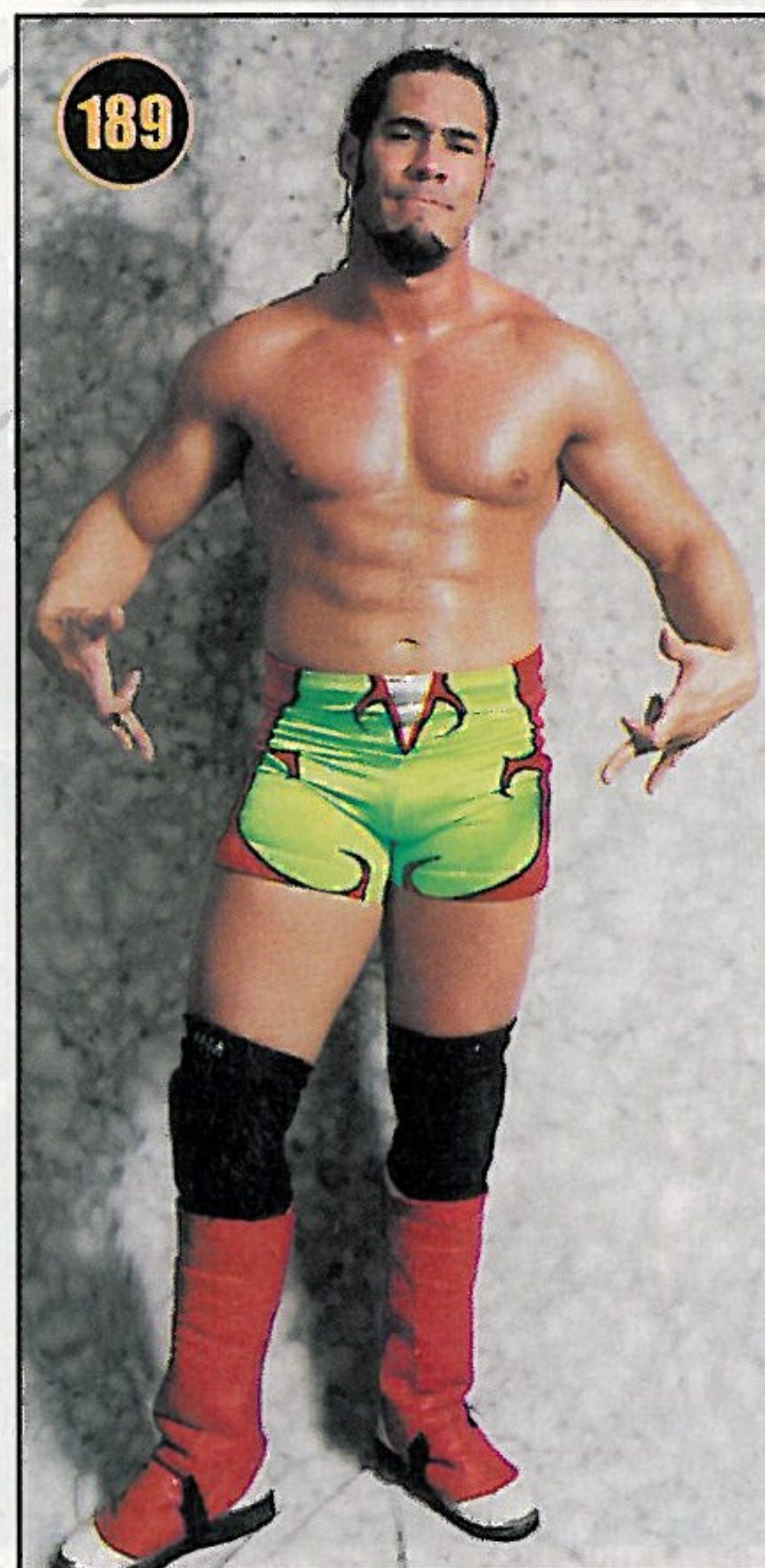
a solid effort ... Jeter is an extreme sports enthusiast and thrillseeker ... When not in the ring, he is often out rock climbing or surfing ... Also a pretty good guitar player ... Good-looking 20-year-old is a favorite among OVW's female fans ... Competed in track and field in high school and set his school's junior varsity and varsity pole vaulting records ... Probably wishes those pole vaulting crash mats were installed around the ring, particularly when he's in the ring against Travis Bane ... Began training to be a wrestler at age 19 ... Has a crisp dropkick and a variety of high-flying moves, but the high-risk maneuvers often come back to haunt him ... Favorite wrestlers growing up were Randy Savage and Shawn Michaels, and that's obvious once he gets into the ring ... Somewhat reminiscent of a young Shane Douglas.

188 BUFF BAGWELL

(6'1", 240, 13, 163) Buff has the stuff to irritate most everyone who comes in contact with him if he wants to do it ... This former WCW World tag team champion has found himself alone and on the independent circuit ... Is often brought in to headline smaller indy shows throughout North America ... Fortunately, mother Judy has stayed away from the indy tour her son is currently on ... Toured Europe and Australia with the WWA, where he occasionally teamed with Lex Luger ... Originally trained by Steve Lawler ... Was an exotic dancer and model before becoming a wrestler ... Spent most of his career in WCW ... Didn't fare too well (or last too long) in WWE when he appeared there ... Many women still find him attractive.

189 JULIO DINERO

(6'2", 235, 10, 184) Veteran indy competitor now has the job of watching Raven's back in NWA-TNA ... Together with Alexis Laree, Dinero is part of The Gathering, the newest incarnation of Raven's Flock ... Despite all Dinero's interference, Raven was still unable to wrest the NWA title from Jeff Jarrett on April 30 ... Teamed with Laree to defeat Jarrett in a "Clockwork Orange House Of Fun" match on April 16, 2003, when Raven lent a hand ... Dinero is a proud graduate of the Baltimore Monster Factory ... Has also competed in the



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WWF, WCW, and ECW ... Previously competed as Julio Sanchez, Julio Fantastico, The Crow, and Sheik Ali Amin ... Has held titles in many promotions, including PCW, IPWA, the MEWF, MCW, SCW, ISPW, the APWF, and NEPW ... Scored a big win over Chris Chetti in Xtreme Pro Wrestling in March ... Combines a high-flying attack with some martial arts skills ... Frequently uses either the superkick or the moonsault as his finishing move, depending on his mood ... Could become a major player in the X division if he resists the temptation to become the next Stevie Richards in Raven's life.

190 EDDIE COLON

(5'10", 210, 2, NL) Feuding with Chris Candido in Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council ... The former junior heavyweight champ has gained weight to compete for the universal heavyweight title ... Rey Misterio Jr., Kid Romeo, and Kid Kash are among his best opponents ever ... The younger son of local legend and former universal champ Carlos Colon ... The brother of Carly Colon ... Must often battle his father's old enemies or, in some cases, their sons ... One of the most popular wrestlers in Puerto Rico ... Resides in San Juan.



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191 KENSUKE SASAKI

(5'10", 263, 17, 81) Former IWGP heavyweight champion and protege of Riki Choshu quit New Japan Pro Wrestling last year ... Husband of Akira Hokuto, inventor of the Northern Lights bomb ... Joined Choshu's upstart WJ Pro group and is among the biggest stars on the roster ... Made a handful of appearances in the States back in the 1990s with WCW ... Punishes opponents with ferocious lariats to the throat ... No longer reprises his Power Warrior character from his days alongside Road Warrior Hawk, even though they tour together with WJ Pro ... Opponents are wary of his *gau* punch to the head ... Singles victory defending New Japan against All-Japan's Toshiaki Kawada remains the crowning moment of his career ... Likes to use the gamma bomb.

192 CHAD COLLYER

(5'8", 218, 5, 175) Always seems to be on the cusp of a breakthrough, but fate always interferes with his plans to join WWE as a full-time superstar ... WWE's termination of its contract with the Heartland Wrestling Association last year caused him to lose his developmental status ... Appeared on *Velocity* ... Still based in the HWA ... Also wrestles for Ring of Honor, American Pro Wrestling, England's All-Star Promotions, and Japan's Michinoku Pro ... Signature maneuvers include the courtesy flush and German suplex ... Also uses the Texas cloverleaf to pay tribute to his trainer,

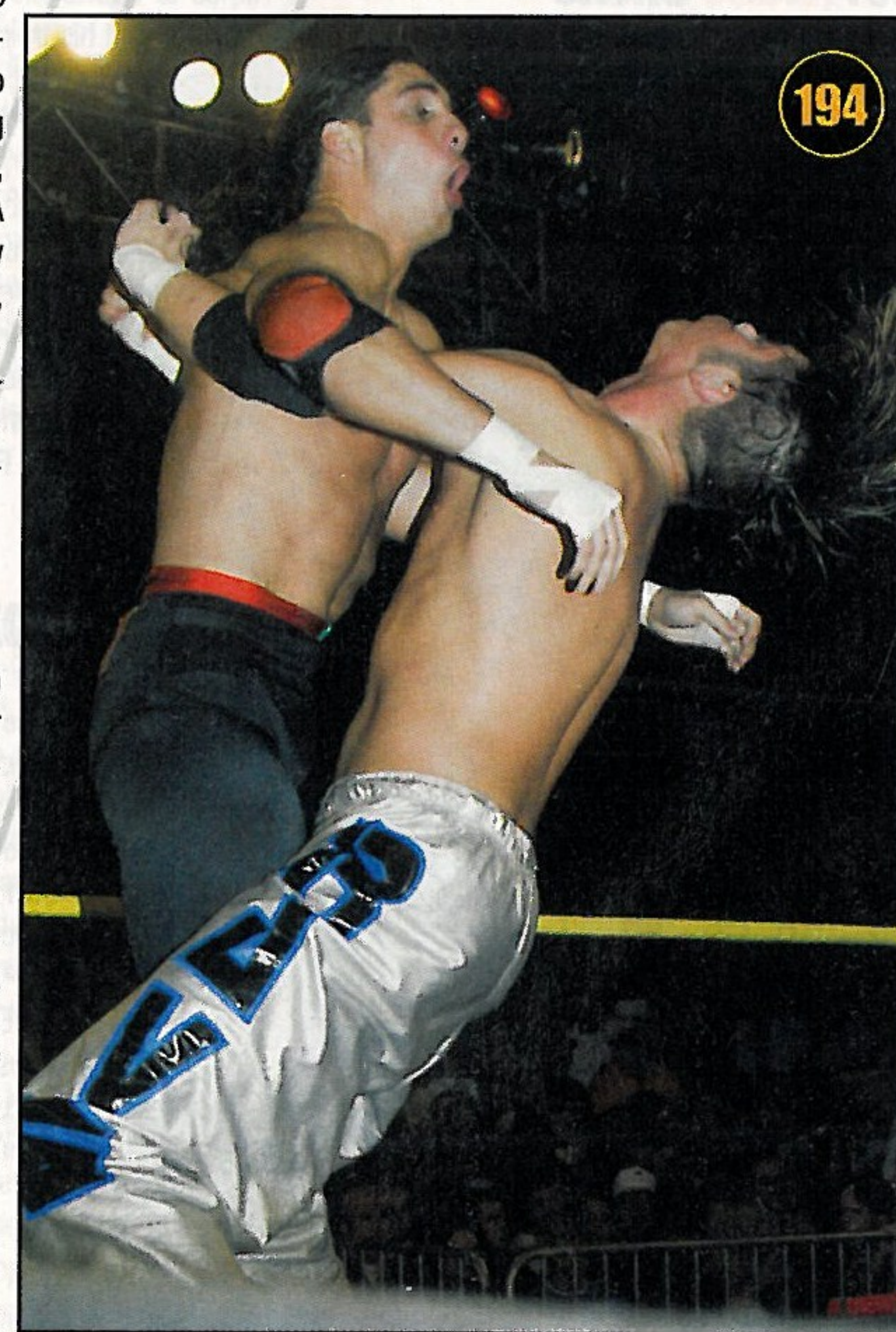
Dean Malenko ... Hometown is Liberty, Indiana ... A former HWA heavyweight champion ... Once feuded with Shannon Moore over the HWA cruiserweight title ... A two-time NCAA national finalist ... Wrestled Jet Jaguar in his 1997 debut ... Could become a valuable addition to Smackdown's cruiserweight division, especially with former HWA stars Shannon Moore and Jamie Noble on the roster.

193 MASCARA SAGRADA

(5'9", 202, 19, 147) Legendary AAA *technico* has wrestled through three different decades, although it's been rumored that the man currently wearing the mask is not the original ... Often teams with Octagon or one of the other veteran *tecnicos* of Lucha ... Sometimes joined by his mini counterpart, Mascarita Sagrada Jr. ... Has a spectacular *tope con hilo* that he executes by flipping over the ringpost to the floor ... Always battling his evil doppelganger, Mascara Maligna ... A recent cage match saw Sagrada retain his mask, while Pentagon lost his ... One of Mexico's most enduring characters ... Lightning-quick huracanrana is technically perfect.

194 JIMMY RAVE

(5'11", 186, 4, 252) The former NWA junior heavyweight champ competes regularly in Wildside, Combat Zone Wrestling, and IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Also made appearances in IWA Mid-South's Ted Petty Memorial Cup Tournament, Ring of Honor, and NWA-TNA's X division ... Curbed his high-flying style and incorporated more mat grappling in an effort to lengthen his career ... Cut out



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some of his prematch dancing, too ... Now uses the Northern Lights bomb and the cross-face as finishers.

195 TRAVIS BANE

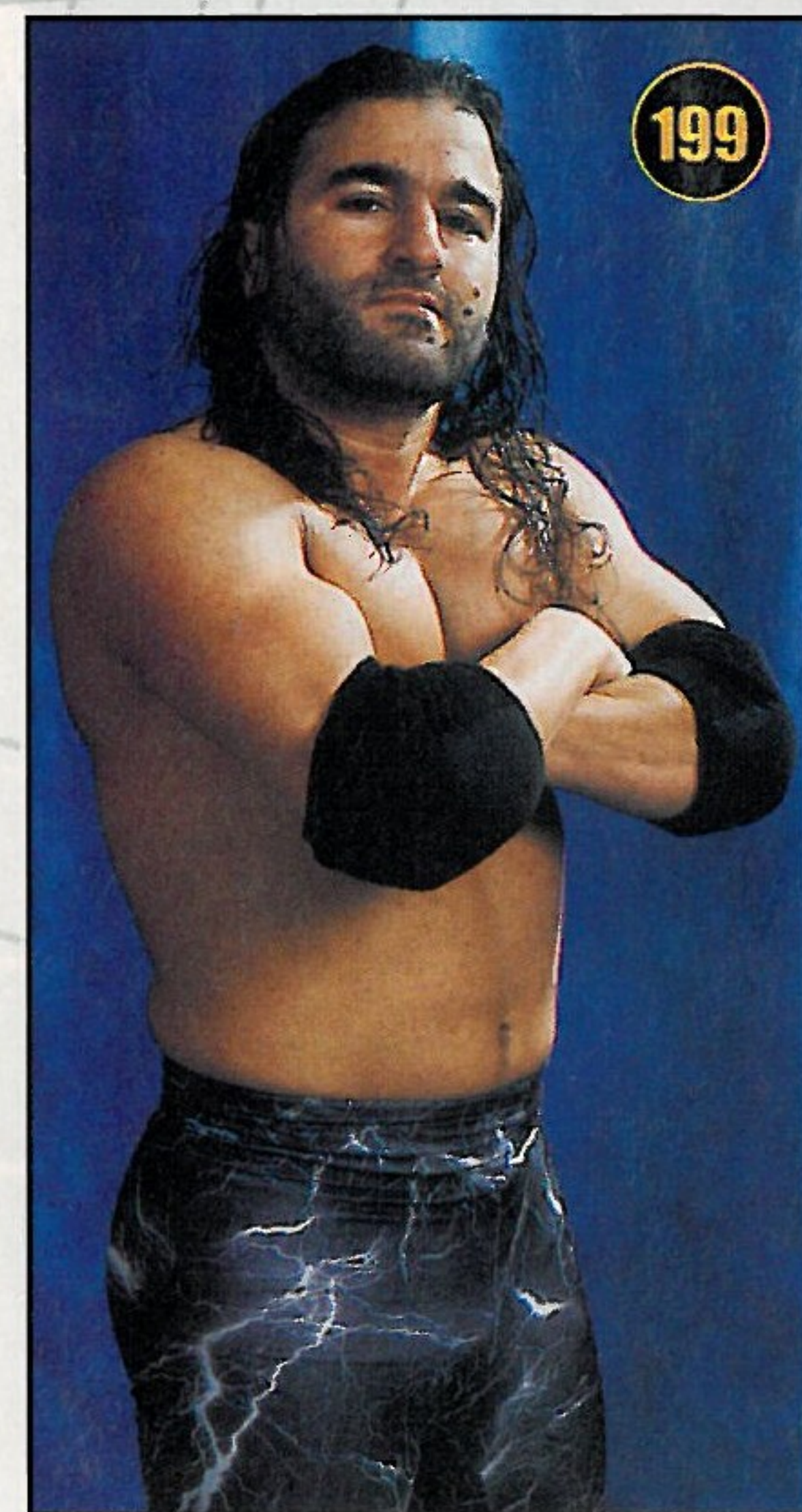
(6'6", 292, 1, NL) Monster member of The Disciples of Synn lists his outside hobbies as tattoos and pain ... Those two seem to go hand-in-hand ... Entered OVW as a self-proclaimed "problem solver," though he certainly wasn't making life any easier for his opponents ... Manager Synn signed him and paired him with Seven ... Synn previously managed Batista, so she has an eye for big, menacing bruisers ... Bane and Seven won the OVW Southern tag team title on March 5, 2003 ... They later lost the belts to the APA on a show in Lafayette, Indiana ... Bane says he idolized The Four Horsemen and Bruiser Brody while growing up in Tombstone, Arizona ... Played football in high school and college and competed in powerlifting on the side ... Still just 27 years old, Bane has plenty of potential and is expected to make a major impact in WWE someday.

196 JOHNNY SPADE

(6'1", 215, 5, 266) "Smooth" Johnny is one of the top cruiserweights in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... An accomplished high school baseball player, Spade earned all-district, all-region, all-sectional, and all-state honors ... Went "on strike" in 2001, protesting the lack of quality matches he was receiving ... Became the first wrestler to join Doug Basham's Revolution and served as a loyal foot soldier in The Revolution's wars against Nick Dinsmore, Rob Conway, and promoter Danny Davis ... Was suspended by Jim Cornette for jumping Dinsmore at a nightclub, but Basham's legal team somehow had the suspension overturned ... A talented high-flyer, Spade uses a senton bomb off the top rope to win most of his matches ... Very effective on the microphone ... Can usually get a crowd to turn against him in a heartbeat ... Continues to struggle against bigger opponents ... Spade could shine in WWE's cruiserweight division, but needs to avoid facing men 75 or more pounds heavier than he is.

197 NEGRO CASAS

(5'7", 180, 24, 102) EMLL *technico* found himself in trouble with the company brass this year after punching out a television announcer ...



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Aging veteran now helps train the future stars of Lucha at Arena Mexico ... Still a regular with EMLL, but is respected by all fans of Lucha Libre for his tremendous technical acumen ... Has toured internationally, and has a loyal fan base in Japan dating back to his days with Gran Hamada's Universal promotion ... His feud with Ultimo Dragon (then known by his real name, Yoshihiro Asai) helped popularize the Lucha style overseas ... Lucha fans still remember his long, bloody feud with El Hijo del Santo from the 1990s that provided some of Mexico's most intense bouts ... Represented Mexico in this year's Grand Prix Tournament at Arena Mexico ... Popular virtually everywhere except the United States ... Pet hold remains the grapevine crucifix known as La Magistral cradle.

198 BOBBY RUDE

(6'1", 232, 5, 199) This promising Canadian upstart hails from Toronto, Ontario ... Regularly competes in WWE dark matches in his home country and is considered a possible developmental prospect of the future ... Has wrestled all over North America, from the Canadian Maritimes to Puerto Rico ... His versatile style reflects that of his trainers, Val Venis and Glamour Boy Shane ... Became the first Canadian to compete in the ECWA Super 8 Tournament in 2002 ... Originally planned to be a corrections officer because he considered himself too small for wrestling ... Wrestles regularly for Maximum Pro Wrestling in Detroit and Border City Wrestling in Windsor, Ontario ... Known as "The Natural" ... Soft-spoken, but still wrestles as a heel in most territories ... Pet finisher is the Rude awakening.

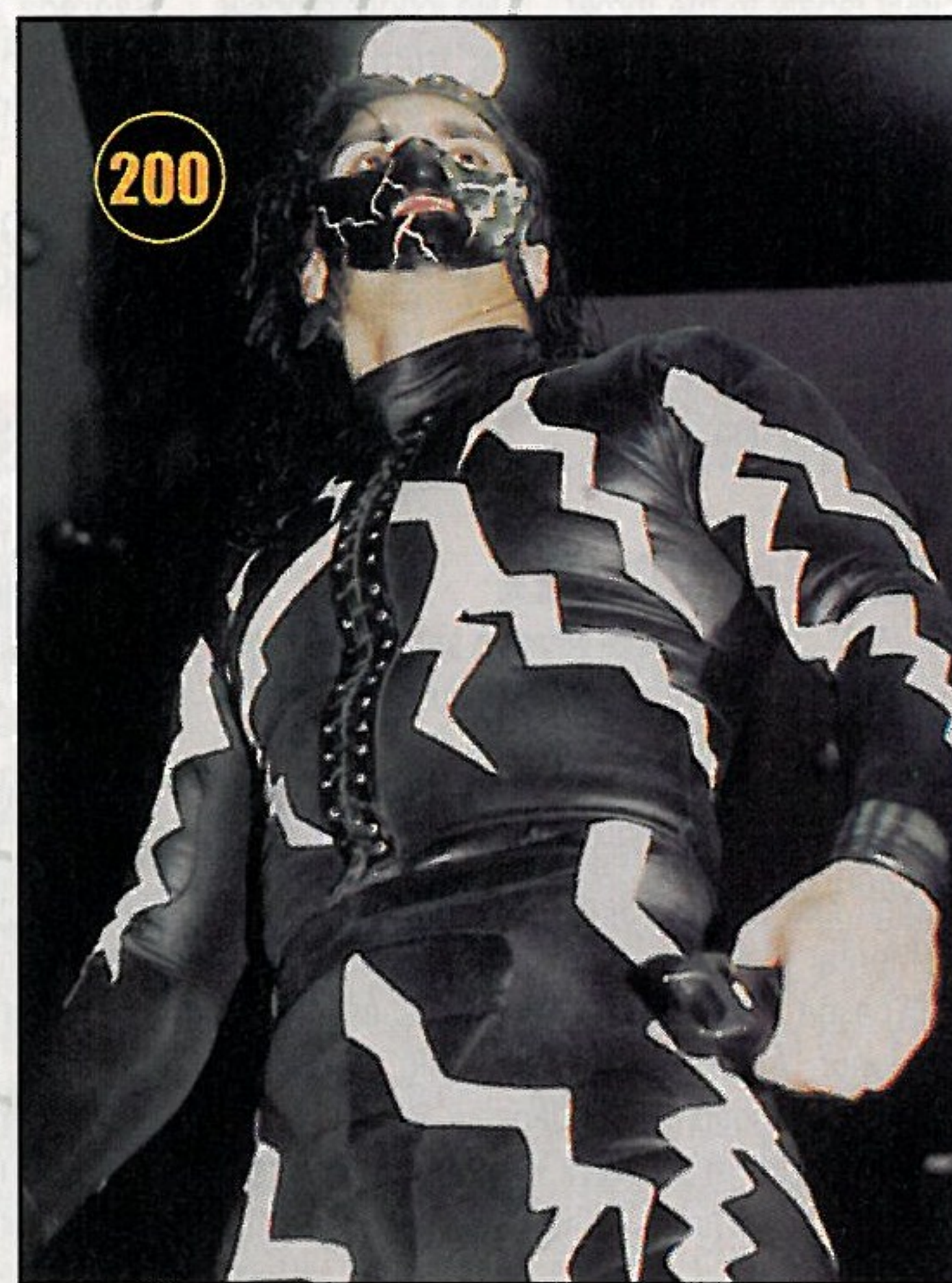
199 TONY KOZINA

(5'6", 174, 6, 179) Best known throughout Western Canada and America's Pacific Northwest ... Switched gears by competing almost exclusively in California during 2002 ... Defeated James Choi, Jordi Frantz, and American Dragon upon his return to All Pro Wrestling ... Faced B-Boy at an Epic Pro Wrestling show in Los Angeles ... Pinned longtime enemy Dr. Luther in the San Francisco Bay area ... Nicknamed "Tornado" Tony ... His hometown is Portland, Oregon ... Made it to the final four of NWA New England's Super X Tournament in Woonsocket,

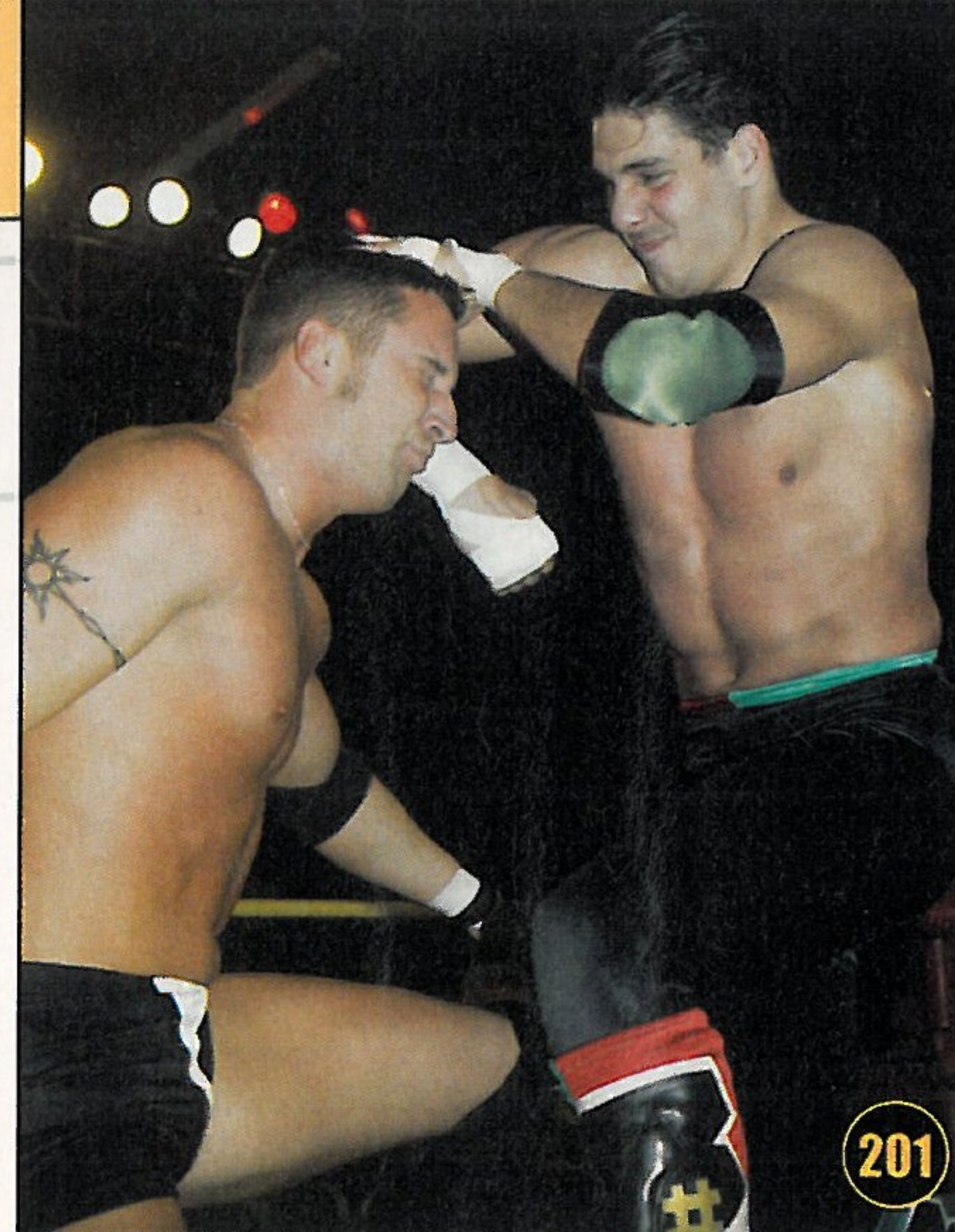
Rhode Island ... Reckless Youth emerged victorious over Kozina, Jason Rumble, and Tommy Knoxville ... Lost to Super Dragon in the opening round of the Golden Gate Invitational in Hayward, California ... The crowd gave them a standing ovation ... Aided Roddy Piper against Dr. Luther's Army in the fledgling Portland Wrestling promotion ... Grooming rookie Damon Scythe ... Kozina and Havoc lost to the FBI on *Velocity* ... His finisher is the skytwister ... Added the tornado death twist (TDT), a twisting facebuster, to his repertoire ... A former NWA junior heavyweight champion.

200 ELECTRO SHOCK

(5'10", 205, 6, 189) Imposing *rudo* has been part of AAA stable Los Vipers for a few years now, even leading the group on some occasions ... Sometimes brings a stun prod to ringside with him, a la The Mountie ... Wears a small mask over his mouth and nose, like the one used to restrain Hannibal Lecter in *The Silence Of The Lambs* ... Answered the challenge to represent Mexico in a mixed martial arts competition in Japan, where he was destroyed by Hikaru Sato ... Teams with Cibernético regularly and leads a faction of AAA *rudos* in the LLL movement, which is not unlike the NWO of years past ... Held the Mexican title for a short time ... Scourge of virtually all the AAA *technicos* ... Hated throughout Mexico for his flagrant disregard for the rules.



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201 TONY MAMALUKE

(5'9", 187, 6, 232) "The Italian Monster" competes primarily in NWA Wildside, with some appearances in Ring of Honor, Combat Zone Wrestling, and NWA-TNA's X division ... Gained the respect of Wildside fans with his never-say-die performance in a best-of-five series against TV champ Caprice Coleman ... He lost the series, however ... Won the fans' support again by making it to a TV title tournament final after Coleman was stripped of the championship due to an injury ... Robbed in the final by Rainman and manager Jeff G. Bailey's underhanded tactics ... A member of The Full-Blooded Italians while in ECW, and held the World tag team championship with Little Guido Maritato (Nunzio).

202 MIKE QUACKENBUSH

(6', 191, 12, 142) Took his hybrid of international styles on tour this year, appearing everywhere from California to Maine, as well as in Germany and Switzerland ... Co-founded the Chikara Wrestle Factory with Black T-Shirt Squad teammate Reckless Youth ... Now feuding with two proteges, Jigsaw and Rorschach, otherwise known as The Conundrum ... Author of *Headquarters*, a wrestling memoir ... Writes "Bell To Bell," sharing the details of his life as an independent grappler, in *The Wrestler* ... Has showcased his Lucha expertise in matches against La Parka, Eddie Guerrero, and El Hijo del Santo ... Has wrestled for Lucha Libre Azteca ... Nicknamed "Lightning" Mike ... Has held more than two

dozen independent championships in his career ... Invented moves such as the super tiger driver, the black tornado slam, the stranglehold omega, and his finisher, the Quackendriver.

203 CHRIS HAMRICK

(5'11", 210, 18, 278) This journeyman high-flyer has established a solid reputation on the East and West Coasts ... Captured the Premier Wrestling Federation Universal title ... Nicknamed "Confederate Currency" ... His finishing move is a leg-drop from the top rope ... His piledriver from the top rope has the potential to cripple opponents ... Feuded with The Enterprise in Xtreme Pro Wrestling ... Ladder match against TV champ Kaos at "Hostile Takeover" in Philadelphia was one of XPW's best showdowns ever ... Formed an impressive team with fellow country boy Tracey Smothers ... Also teams with Julio Dinero and E.Z. Money ... Defeated Mike Quackenbush in an action-packed match in Connecticut ... He's the older cousin of Jeff Hamrick, a mainstay in the Carolinas.

204 LOBO

(5'10", 220, 7, NL) This youngster's charisma has earned him a place in the hearts of Puerto Ricans ... Stripped of his half of the International Wrestling Association tag team title in late-2002 because of an injury ... Returned to the IWA, only to be forced into medical leave several weeks later ... Formerly known as Andy Anderson ... Wrestled under the name White Wolf in Puerto Rico's old IWC promotion ... The native of Canada is a well-traveled competitor ... Held the NWA Georgia junior heavyweight belt and competed in Nashville's Music City

Wrestling several years ago ... Idolizes Chris Benoit, who is also from Edmonton, Alberta ... A suplex specialist ... His top rivals have included Super Crazy and Miguel Perez Jr. ... Recently appeared in Ring of Honor ... Last appeared at 233 in the 2001 "PWI 500."

205 BILLY FIVES

(5'11", 225, 6, 201) Unified the NWA Florida State and IPW Hardcore championships ... Defeated Danny Doring in a bull-rope match for the Florida title, and then won the IPW belt from Rod Steel ... Left The Alliance of Defiance for David Babylon's Animal House ... Undeclared in singles action despite a violent feud with his former stablemates ... Instrumental in the expansion of NWA Florida and IPW into South Florida after Future of Wrestling's demise ... A native of Cherokee, North Carolina ... The head trainer for WrestlePlex South in Davie, Florida ... Challenged Combat Zone Wrestling champion Justice Pain at Viking Hall in Philadelphia ... His finisher is the fifth dimension ... Has toured Saudi Arabia, the Caribbean, and South America.



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206 HOTSTUFF HERNANDEZ

(6'6", 295, 5, 215) Dominated the Southwest as NWA National, ETW Texas State, and NWA Southwest champion at various periods of 2002-'03 ... Ventured outside the Lone Star State to compete in Japan's Zero-One and Philadelphia-based Ring of Honor ... Enjoyed meteoric success in NWA Wildside ... Won a battle royal to earn a shot at Wildside champion Iceberg ... Immediately attacked by Iceberg and Jeff G. Bailey with a coat hanger, causing him to cough up blood throughout the NWA Arena ... Employs a power-driven offense blended with impressive agility to keep his opponents off-guard ... The sight of Hernandez diving over the top rope and landing on his feet is breathtaking.

207 CHRISTIAN YORK

(5'10", 222, 5, 156) Held the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title with Joey Matthews ... He and Matthews lost a wild fall-count-anywhere bout to The Holy Rollers last year, with the stipulation that the losers could

never team again in MCW ... Earned a shot at Matthews' Rage TV title, but his former partner feigned an injury and scored a questionable win ... Defeated Julio Dinero at MCW's "Tribute To Legends" card on May 15 ... Has competed in NWA-TNA, Ring of Honor, 3PW, Delaware Championship Wrestling, and PWF Universal ... Remains a fan favorite wherever he goes ... Still trying to find his niche as a singles wrestler after being part of a tag team for the past few years ... Once wrestled in ECW, in addition to earning developmental contracts in WWE and WCW ... In-ring style often compared to Matt Hardy's.

208 MILANO COLLECTION AT

(5'11", 179, 3, 165) Star of the defunct Toryumon 200 Project (T2P), he leads The Italian Connection stable consisting of Yossini and Yossino, as well as a few others ... Feuding back and forth with the other Toryumon groups, like Crazy MAX, M2K, and Do-Fixer ... Ultimo Dragon merged the T2P and Toryumon groups this year, so Milano no longer has the advantage of wrestling in a hexagon ring all the time ... Kick-started his career with a number of lopsided wins over the much more experienced Ryo Saito ... Showed his stuff in a long singles feud with CIMA, the Toryumon's top star ... Claims to be an Italian supermodel, and typically walks an invisible dog to ring-side ... Long, lanky grappler is almost impossible to confine on the mat ... Graceful high-flyer has an excellent quebrada and twisting senton in his repertoire ... Loads his arsenal with submission moves like la nieblina, the goliath bird eater, and his personal favorite, the AT lock arm submission.

209 REY MISTERIO SR.

(5'9", 207, 24, NL) Owes a lot of his popularity to his superstar nephew, WWE's Rey Misterio Jr. ... Top draw on the Tijuana circuit, he's been feuding with age-old rival The Kiss once

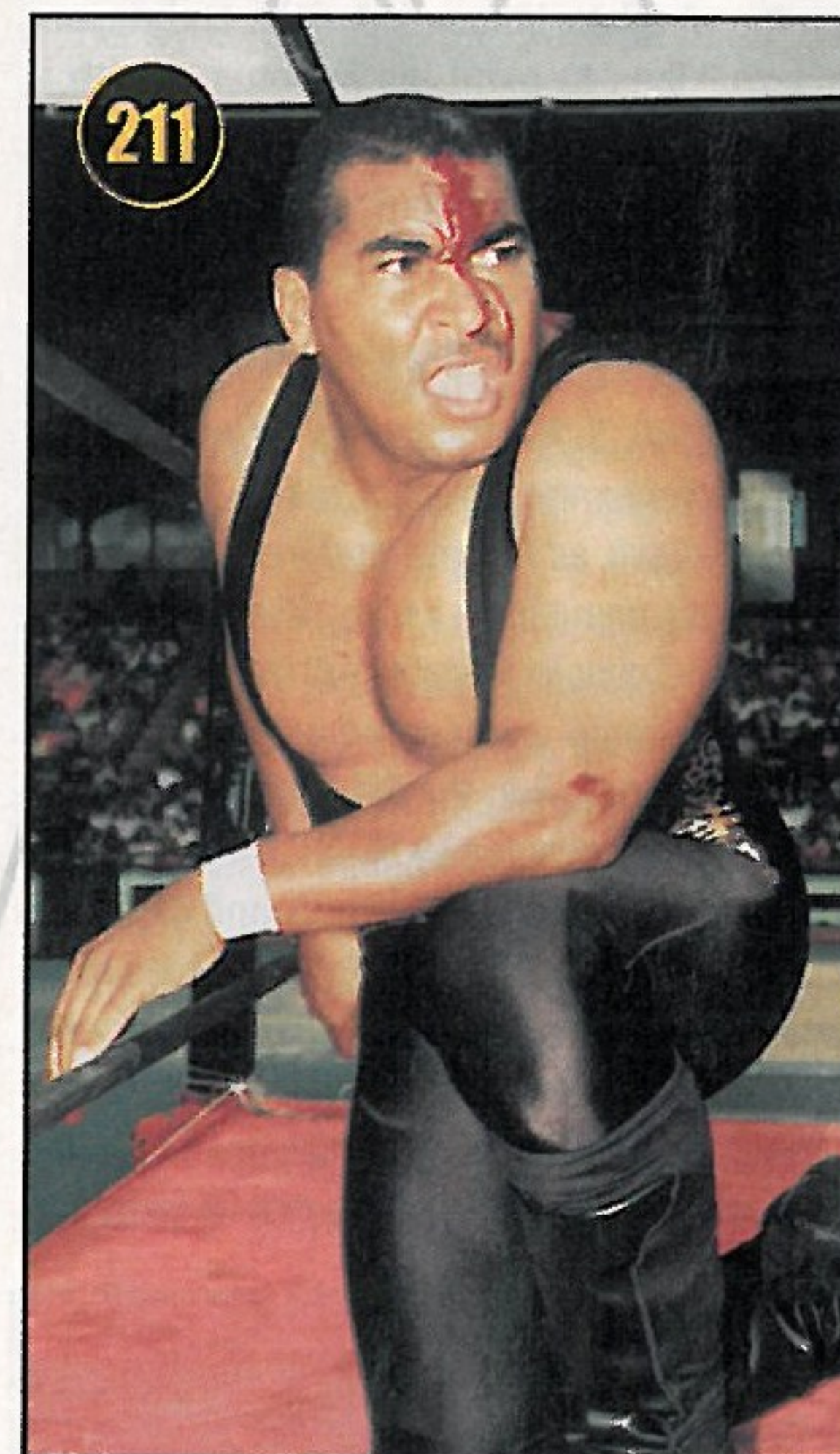
again ... Their rivalry dates back several decades and includes several bloodbaths ... Finally defeated Kiss in a loser-must- retire match, but whether the feud is over is another matter ... Continues his off-again, on-again feud with La Parka, the original, not the AAA impostor ... Lost his mask years ago, which initially hurt his popularity, but his career has totally rebounded ... Tough brawler has a wicked right cross and delivers rapid-fire chops ... Rarely appears outside his native Mexico, where he is always in demand ... Has a great German suplex in his arsenal.

210 BIG BAD JOHN

(6'7", 320, 2, 273) The big man learned a lot from his mentor, Bull Buchanan, with whom he teamed throughout 2002 ... Was out of action for several months with various injuries ... Played in the NFL with the New Orleans Saints, Washington Redskins, and Atlanta Falcons, as well as in the CFL, the Arena League, and NFL Europe ... Says he was kicked out of the NFL for unsportsmanlike conduct ... Has a black belt in shotokan karate ... Apparently the discipline of the martial arts didn't carry over to the gridiron ... Was the muscle in Doug Basham's Revolution but was unceremoniously booted in favor of Damaja ... Frequently teamed with "Smooth" Johnny Spade while in The Revolution ... Buchanan helped him hone his killer instinct ... Uses a DDT as a setup for his choke-slam finisher ... Has struggled since his return to OWW earlier this year ... Dropped several matches to Orlando Jordan this spring ... Has an unusual mix of power, balance, and aggression, but still lacks focus and direction.

211 BRONCO

(5'9", 240, 14, NL) This veteran tried his hand at managing this year ... The Dominican Republic native has competed in Puerto Rico for a dozen years ... Now using a group of Dominican wrestlers to invade the World Wrestling Council ... Focused on eliminating the entire Colon family from wrestling ... Bears a particularly harsh grudge against the family patriarch, Carlos ... A two-time universal champion ... His low center of gravity allows him to be a suplex master.



212 JONAH ADELMAN

(5'11", 250, 1, NL) Didn't win *Tough Enough III*, but that didn't stop him from pursuing his pro wrestling dreams ... Trained by Al Snow and Bill DeMott ... Was one of the finalists but lost out in the last cut ... Angered many fans and wrestlers by faking serious injuries and telling the other *TE* contestants he had to retire (as an elaborate joke) ... Some folks thought he was making light of an all-too-serious subject ... After *TE*, he was relegated to the Northeast indies, most notably the WWA in New England ... Debuted in NWA-TNA on February 19, 2003 ... Mike Sanders tried to recruit Jonah into the Sports Entertainment Xtreme fraternity, but Jonah would have none of it ... Scored a major victory over Sanders, using a version of the STF as his finisher ... We suspect Snow taught him that one ... Adelman is a fitness fanatic and an avid weightlifter ... Has been spotted backstage at several WWE events

... Either he's visiting his *Tough Enough* chums or he's angling for a job ... If his teary-eyed "retirement speech" is any indication, Jonah can at least cut a convincing promo ... We'll see if he joins Maven and Christopher Nowinski in the WWE promised land.

213 JUSTIN CREDIBLE

(6', 225, 11, 95) Until recently, the former ECW World champion had kept a low profile since being released from WWE ... Maybe he was trying to make everyone forget about his days in X-Factor, and we wouldn't blame him for that ... Defeated Steve Corino to win the PWF universal title in February ... Made a heck of an entrance in XPW, talking a lot of smack to champion Shane Douglas ... Was humbled by "The Franchise" on March 8, 2003 ... Defeated Jerry Lynn to win the vacant ICW title ... Debuted in NWA-TNA on April 16, 2003, as part of Team Extreme, alongside Perry Saturn, New Jack, and The Sandman ... Wrestled Slash to a no-contest when both The New Church and Team Extreme got involved ... Appears to have streamlined his physique a bit since his WWE release ... You wouldn't know it from his cane-swinging and hardcore brawling, but Credible was trained by the Hart family in Stu's famous Dungeon ... No matter how many titles he wins, the fans will never let him forget he once was Aldo Montoya, "Portuguese Man O' War," the guy with the modified jockstrap on his head.

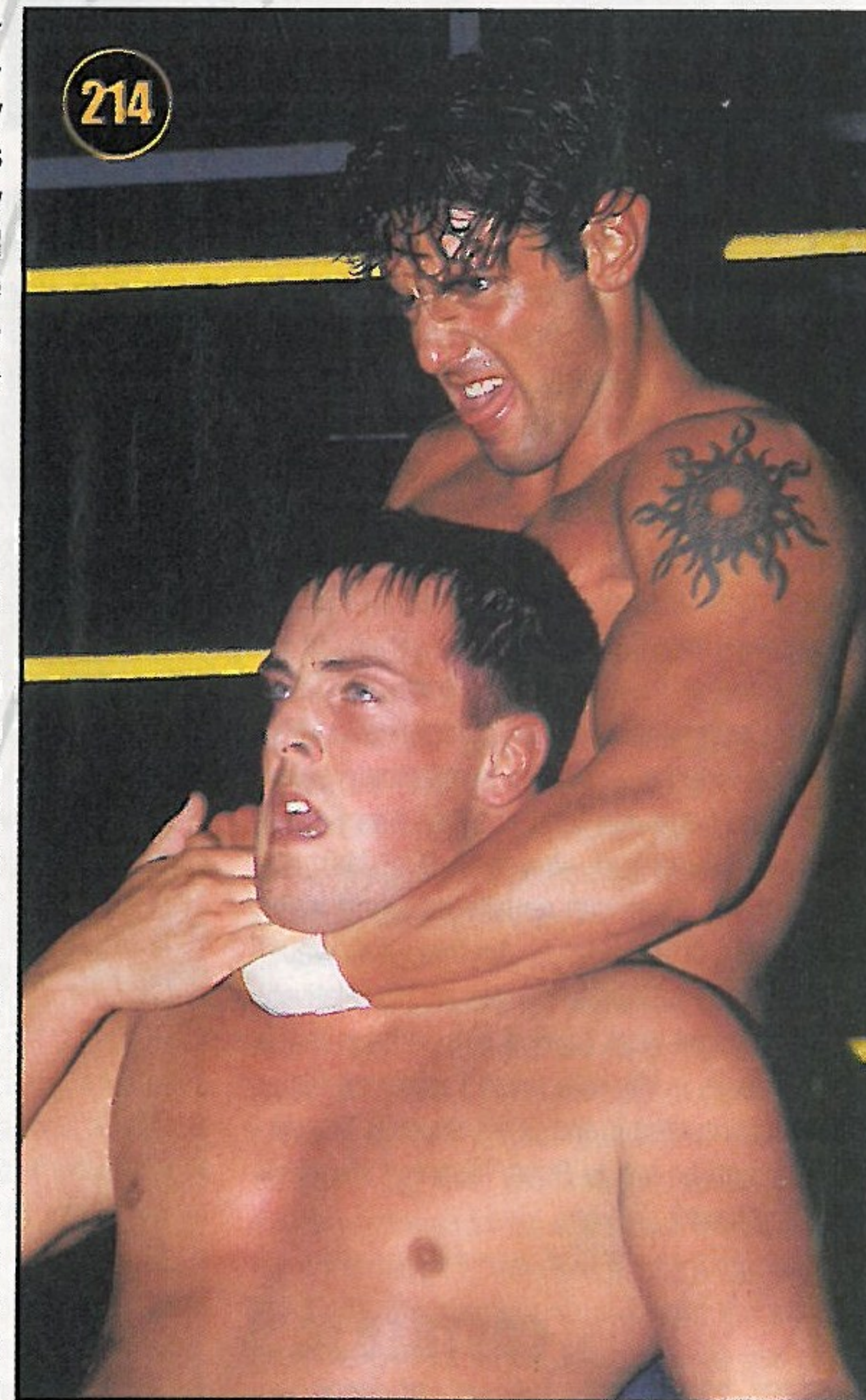
214 MARK MAGNUS

(6'2", 231, 1, NL) Athletic rookie is a native of Syracuse, New York ... Transferred from the University of Buffalo to the University of Louisville to train in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Played football and basketball in high school and some basketball in college ... Has only been wrestling for a few months ... Lists Hulk Hogan and Randy Savage as two of his favorite wrestlers ... Maybe he should include "The Genius" Lanny Poffo on that list ... Magnus reportedly has an IQ of 148 ... That's about as high as Travis Bane and Seven combined ... Is working to perfect his mat

wrestling and develop his aerial game ... Has proven to be a good student in his studies as the OWW Training Center.

215 OSAMU NISHIMURA

(6'1", 220, 11, 110) New Japan star isn't much heavier than most of the junior heavyweights, but he competes in the heavyweight division ... Has experience in the United States and Europe, and most recently went to Mexico to feud with Dr. Wagner Jr. in a series of mat classics ... Protege of Tatsumi Fujinami has rebounded from cancer and seems to be in the prime of his career ... Wins over fans with his classic submission-based offense that reminds many of the Japanese style of 25 years ago ... Favors holds like the royal octopus and the abdominal stretch ... Hasn't been successful in his various bids to capture the IWGP tag team title from Masa Chono and Hiroyoshi Tenzan ... Retired the legendary Kengo Kimura in a time-limit draw this year conducted under European rules ... Famed for his textbook dropkick and flawless Northern Lights suplex.



star likes to use a hardcore style ... Angry because "new generation" wrestlers are enjoying more success ... Feuded with Dragon Makabe and Tojo Sensei to prove he was more hardcore ... Based in the International Wrestling Association ... Resides in Bayamon, Puerto Rico ... Competed in the World Wrestling Council for many years ... Nagging injuries have forced him to adopt a more grounded approach than he used in the past.

218 B.J. WHITMER

(6'1", 228, 4, 239) Returned to IWA Mid-South in the fall of 2002 ... Defeated Matt Murphy, Ace Steel, Colt Cabana, and C.M. Punk en route to winning the two-night Ted Petty Invitational Tournament ... Captured Punk's IWA title as part of the bargain ... Lost the belt back to Punk ... Also faced Punk at a Ring of Honor show ... Their feud continues

even though neither man now holds the strap ... Occasionally competes in the Heartland Wrestling Association, where he has held the cruiserweight championship ... Matt Stryker emerged as one of Whitmer's toughest opponents ever when they feuded over that title ... Native of Cincinnati ... Battled fellow HWA star Nigel McGuinness to a 20-minute draw at an IWA Mid-South event ... Has wrestled throughout the Midwest, most notably Missouri's World League Wrestling, and toured Japan ... Favorite finishers include the exploder suplex and cradle driver ... A rivalry with Trevor Rhodes (Stan Dupp) is looming.

219 DICK TOGO

(5'9", 219, 12, 195) Heavy-set Japanese wrestler is one of the key players in Michinoku Pro, the company in which he first became a superstar as the leader of the Kaientai DX stable ... Successful run with stablemates Shiryu (now Kaz Hayashi), Men's Teoh, Taka Michinoku, and Shoichi Funaki helped land many of them in the WWF

in the late-1990s ... Relegated to a comedy role, the group quickly fell apart ... Spent the better part of two years with Osaka Pro after returning to Japan from his disastrous WWF run ... Spent time in Mexico training in the Lucha Libre style, when he was known as the masked Sato ... A former British Commonwealth junior champion, he won the title from Danny Collins before losing to Jushin Liger at the Skydiving J ... Sometimes teams with Ikuto Hidaka during his short stays in the United States ... A gifted brawler who has tremendous jabs and uppercuts ... Likes to plant his opponents with a pedigree to set them in position for his signature move, the top-ropo senton.

220 YOSSINO

(5'9", 166, 3, NL) Started his career in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon off-shoot called T2P, where he was known as Masato Yoshino ... Officially changed his name upon joining Milano Collection AT's Italian Connection stable with regular partner Stevie Tsujimoto ... Teamed with his mentor, Ultimo Dragon, to win the first Differ Ariake Cup Tournament, sponsored by NOAH ... Always battling CIMA's Crazy Max group and Masaaki Mochizuki's reinvented M2K stable ... Fans nicknamed him "Speedy" at the first T2P event for his lightning-quick chain wrestling ... Possesses a number of unorthodox submissions ... His favorite is a satellite headscissors that he turns into a royal octopus hold.

221 THUNDER

(5'9", 250, 15, NL) He and Lightning emerged as the most dominant tag team in Puerto Rico ... Considered the stronger of the duo ... The team has held the World Wrestling Council tag team title several times ... They exchanged the championship with The Tahitians this year ... Bronco, the manager of The Tahitians, is hell-bent on chasing Thunder and Lightning off the island ... Turned fan favorite to battle The Nasty Boys during the XWF's invasion of the WWF ... This former adversary of Carlos Colon has become an important ally of the Colon family ... Considered a locker room leader ... Still secretive about his past.

222 TONY JONES

(6'5", 266, 6, 225) Competes throughout California, most notably in Ultimate Pro Wrestling and Pro Wrestling Iron ... A former UPW champion ... Uses a vicious array of suplexes ... His finisher, consisting of three consecutive German suplexes, is known as the German automatic ... Became an amateur wrestling champion while attending San Francisco State University ... Wrestled Kurt Angle in amateur competition ... Has toured with BattlArts Japan ... Nicknamed "The Shooter" ... Resides in San Francisco ... Appeared in Barry Blaustein's *Beyond The Mat* documentary ... Rose to prominence in All Pro Wrestling.



223 SIMON DIAMOND

(6'1", 225, 12, 182) Probably the man who enjoyed the Al Wilson-Dawn Marie storyline least ... ECW veteran is soon to be "Mr. Dawn Marie" ... Was a catcher on the Virginia Commonwealth University baseball team for three years, but an injury derailed his baseball dreams ... Earned a bachelor's degree in English, which explains his excellent interview skills ... Was trained by Jim Kettner and made his pro debut as Lance Diamond in 1991 ... Diamond says he has held "every crappy title on the East Coast" ... Cultivat-

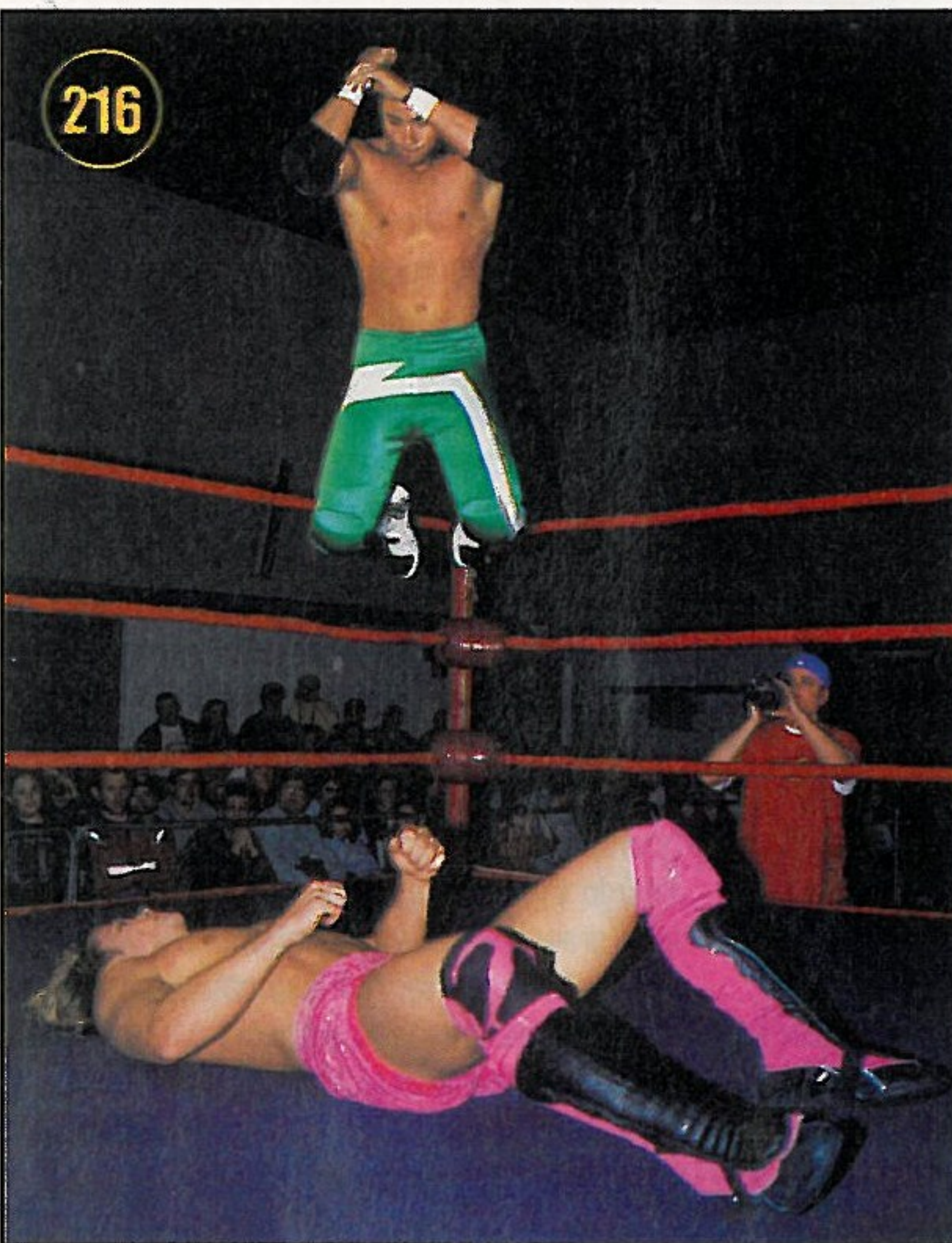
ed a cult following in ECW as a loudmouth braggart, teaming with fellow loudmouth Johnny Swinger ... Had a WWE tryout match in July 2002 against Swinger, and beat his old teammate ... Joined the World Wrestling All-Stars European tour in November 2002 ... He and Swinger apparently patched up their differences, as they returned as a team in NWA-TNA in February ... Has also competed for National Wrestling Superstars and Xtreme Pro Wrestling on occasion ... Diamond seems to be a natural for WWE, especially with his connection to Dawn Marie ... He and Lance Storm would make a championship-caliber team ... Also works as a personal trainer.

224 TOM BRANDI

(6'3", 260, 18, 237) This veteran has competed for almost every independent promotion in the Northeast ... Alternates between being a fan favorite and heel, depending on his mood ... Faced long-time rival King Kaluha several times during the past year ... Other frequent opponents included The Honky Tonk Man, King Kong Bundy, and Cpl. Punishment ... Often blows a shrill whistle into the microphone before his matches to annoy his opponents and the fans ... Looks down upon brawlers or other wrestlers who compete in hardcore matches ... Joins stereotypical Italian cliques at every opportunity ... First gained prominence in the Mid-Southern area, where his nickname was "Mr. Chippendale" ... Previously known as Salvatore Sincere in the WWF and Johnny Gunn in WCW ... Teamed with Tommy Dreamer in the early-1990s.

225 XAVIER

(5'9", 205, 6, 248) Spent most of the past year as the Ring of Honor champion and as a member of The Prophecy ... Lost the title to Samoa Joe ... Defeated Red for the East Coast Wrestling Association belt, but lost it back to him by the end of the night ... Dropped a loser-leaves-the-ECWA match to Cheetah Master in February ... Wrestled in several WWE dark matches ... Appeared in a commercial for the 2003 Royal Rumble, just as he had for the 2002 King of the Ring ... Also competed in NWA-TNA ... A mainstay of the Northeast before gaining a national reputation ... Once held the ECWA tag team championship with Low-Ki ... Still remembered for his 450 splash from the top of the 14-foot-high ECWA-Tron during a four-way tag title bout also involving Low-Ki and the Maximo brothers ... A.J. Styles is considered one of his toughest opponents ever.

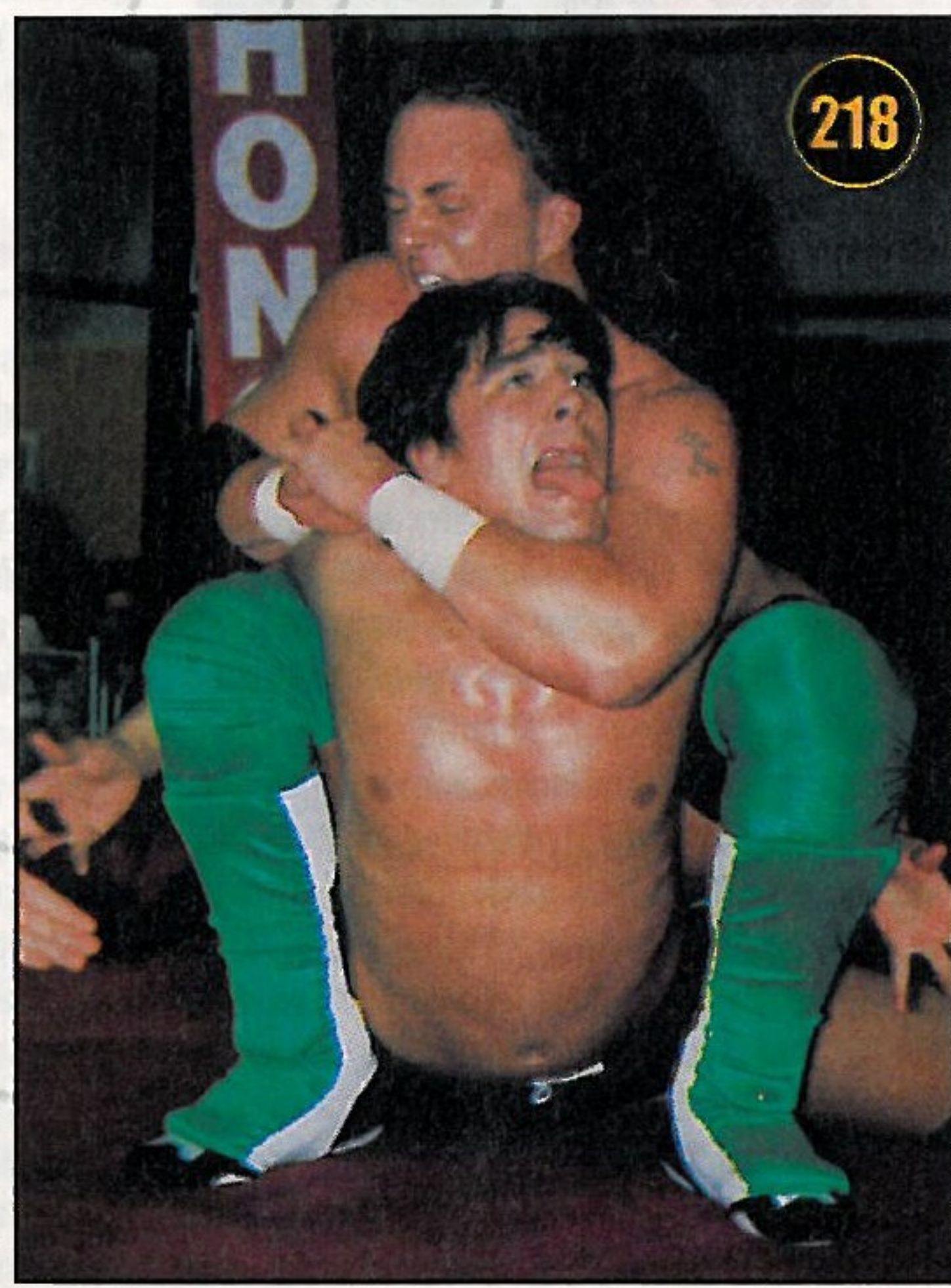


216 CHRIS CAGE

(6', 220, 1, NL) "The Hitman" should probably expect a phone call from Bret Hart regarding blatant gimmick infringement ... Cage actually took on the "Hitman" moniker as a tribute to Hart ... Considering his solid technical skills and scientific style, Hart would probably approve of his namesake ... Cage played football in high school but actually won a four-year art scholarship to Youngstown State College in Ohio ... Tried out for *Tough Enough I* ... Graduated from the OVW Training Center and has been competing in OVW for several months ... Rookie is extremely popular with the Louisville fans and has been compared to—surprise!—a young Bret Hart ... When not wrestling, can usually be found training, painting, or drawing ... Anything less would be uncivilized ... Despite his talents, his relatively small size might work against him as he pursues a WWE deal ... His size wasn't really an issue when he competed in the 2003 Super 8 Tournament, though he lost to Brian "Spanky" Kendrick in the first round.

217 HURRICANE CASTILLO JR.

(5'10", 220, 20, NL) This second-generation



226 BISON SMITH

(6'3", 277, 4, 228) His highlight of the past year was battling Kenta Kobashi in Yokohama, Japan ... Competes in Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH and California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Teams with Tommy Drake ... Suffered a partially torn ACL ... Missed six weeks of action ... His finisher is the Bison-tenial ... Maxx Justice is his toughest opponent ever ... This former college football star is often compared to Vader in terms of look and style ... Played as number 62 for the Colorado State University Buffalos ... Vader was number 63 on the same team several years earlier ... His biggest match to date was against Vader at Tokyo's Ariake Coliseum in February 2002 ... Has also competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Hails from Boulder, Colorado.

227 NEW JACK

(6', 225, 11, 226) "The Original Gangsta" has gained a reputation as the man who will jump from just about any height to put an opponent through a table ... Was at the center of a nasty incident in April when he had a confrontation with a fan who hurled a racial epithet at him ... Security dragged the fan out, and New Jack vented his frustrations on opponent Gypsy Joe

... New Jack left Gypsy Joe a bloody mess, prompting the referee to call the match and have the promoter to come out to personally apologize for New Jack's behavior ... Perfected the art of riling fans in Smoky Mountain Wrestling ... He and partner Mustafa Saed feuded with The Rock 'n' Roll Express and The Heavenly Bodies before jumping to ECW ... The Gangstas twice held the ECW tag title ... New Jack also won a tag title with John Kronus ... Also wrestled for XPW and EPIC in California ... Known to weaken foes with any weapons available (often including guitars, cheese graters, and staple guns) and then finishing them off with a death-defying dive off the highest balcony ... Currently allied with Team Extreme in NWA-TNA, teaming with Perry Saturn and The Sandman ... Once appeared on *The Maury Povich Show* in a segment intended to scare troubled teens into better behavior.

228 LIGHTNING

(6'2", 250, 10, NL) Turned fan favorite to join Thunder in fending off The Nasty Boys during the XWF's invasion of Puerto Rico in late-2002 ... He and Thunder are now feuding with another invading force, The Tahitians ... In fact, they traded the World Wrestling Council tag team title with the Tahitian duo ... The Tahitians' manager, Bronco, is determined to punish Thunder and Lightning for siding with the Colons ... The taller half of the Thunder and Lightning team ... Hails from parts unknown.

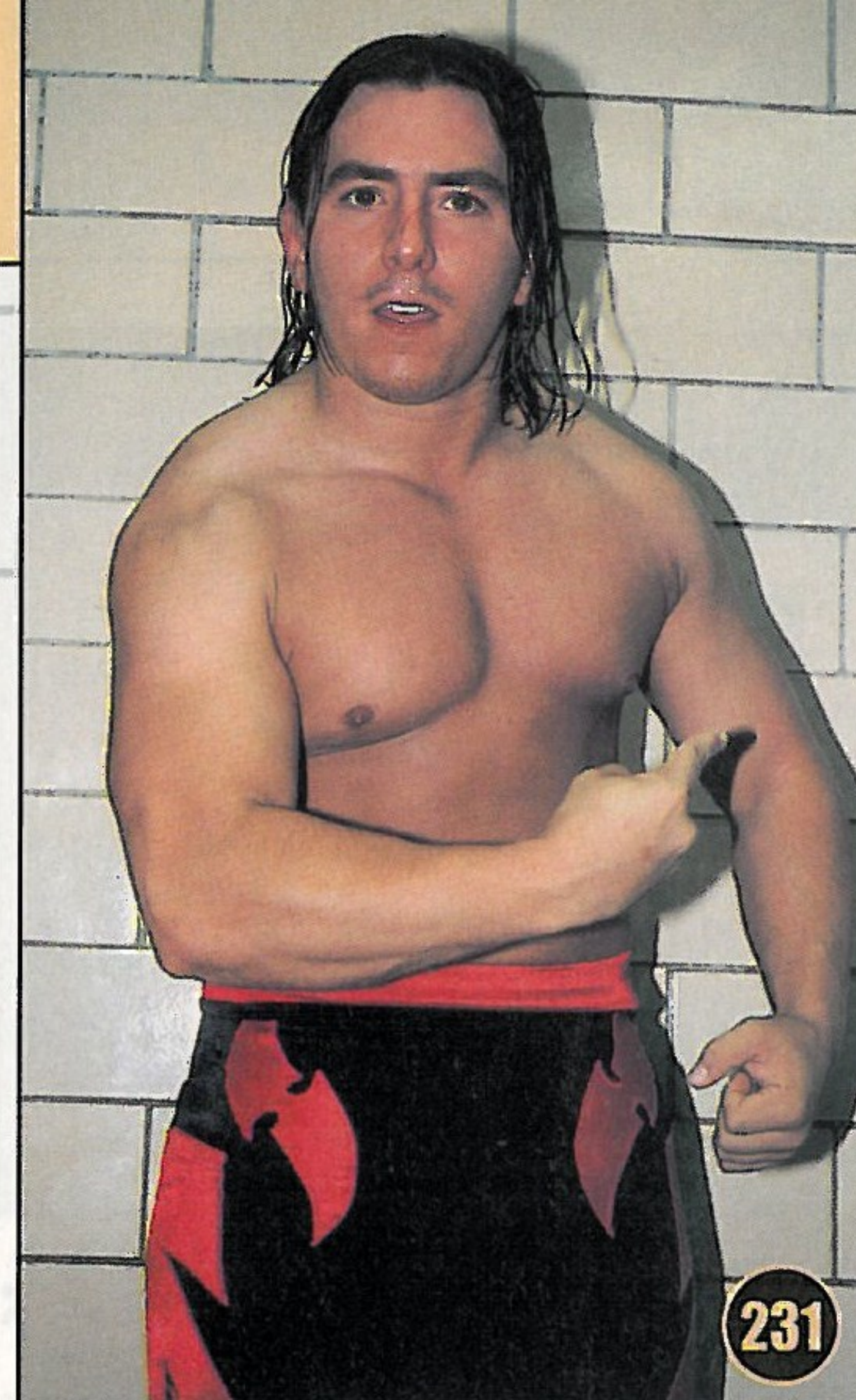
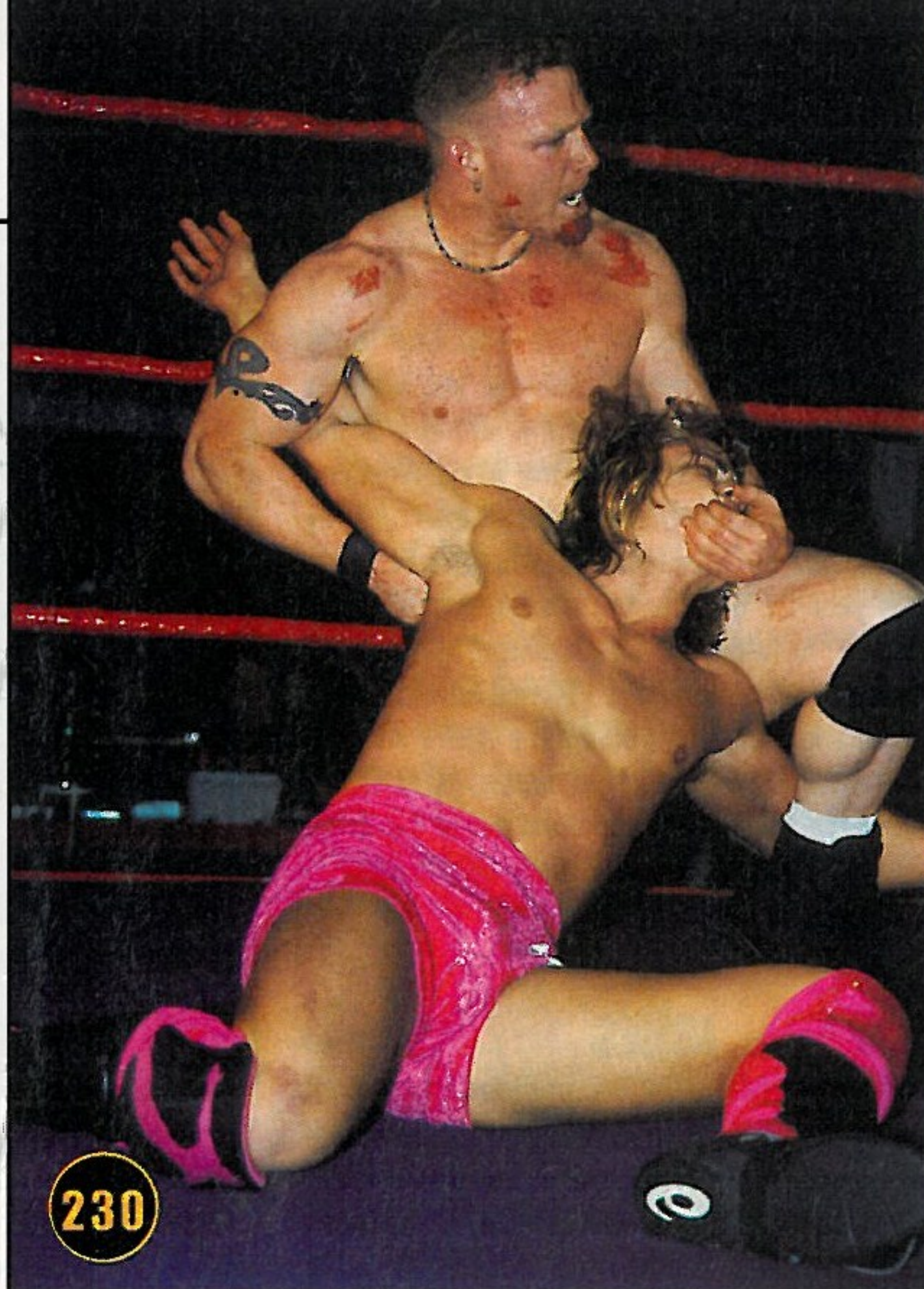
229 SUMO FUJI

(5'8", 220, 6, NL) Reconsidered his decision to retire and remains a dominant force in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon group ... The powerhouse of the Crazy MAX sta-

ble, he is usually teamed with CIMA and Judo Suwa for trios matches ... Had a strange relationship with Ryo Saito centered around their mutual love of cycling, but the two did not make for effective partners ... Obsessed with the miniature gorilla called Venezia that pops up at Toryumon events ... Feuds with The Italian Connection and the Do-Fixer stables ... Known for his hard chops and stocky frame ... Probably the only one of Dragon's proteges who sticks to a mat-based attack ... Finisher is a sit-down choke-slam.

230 CHANCE BECKETT

(5'8", 206, 7, NL) Probably gained more momentum coming out of the ECWA Super 8 than any other participant *not* to win the tournament ... Defeated Sedrick Strong in the opening round, and upset Spanky in the semifinals ... Gave a valiant effort against Paul London in the final, despite a nasty gash on his chin, finally passing out due to London's torture device finisher ... Based in NWA Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Has held the ECCW heavyweight, junior heavyweight, and tag team titles, in addition to the Canadian junior heavyweight belt ... Nicknamed "Mr. Showtime" ... Has feuded with Scotty Mac, Adam Firestorm, Tony Kozina, and American Dragon ... Trained in the Hart Dungeon ... Hails from Calgary, Alberta ... His finishers are the Chance encounter and the Phat Chance ... Cites Chris Benoit and Eddie Guerrero as his inspirations.



231 JEREMY LOPEZ

(5'7", 183, 6, 262) The former NWA Wildside star is now competing as the masked Black Tiger in Osaka Pro Wrestling ... Highly skilled mat grappler ... Trained by Dean Malenko ... Finishes opponents with an elevated double-underhook DDT ... Sometimes turns a power bomb into a Texas cloverleaf to pay tribute to his mentor ... Had been heckled by Wildside fans because of his annoying personality ... Held the Wildside junior heavyweight title for a record 11 months ... Lost the belt to Slim J ... Also competed in Ring of Honor in late-2002 before moving to Japan ... Gained a bit of national recognition when he regularly appeared on *WCW Saturday Night* a few years ago.

232 OTTO SCHWANZ

(6'4", 265, 6, 274) Maintained his dominance over Southern Championship Wrestling during the past year ... A four-time SCW champion ... Has also held the SCW tag team and North Carolina State championships, in addition to the Southern (Memphis) and Omega tag team titles ... A mainstay on the North Carolina independent scene ... Appeared in NWA-TNA as Bo Dupp, along with Stan and Fluff Dupp ... Competed in the WWF, Memphis Championship Wrestling, and ECW as Bo Dupp a few years ago as well ... Managed by Count Grog ... Now teaming with former rival C.W. Anderson ... His favorite maneuver is the swinging Schwanz ... Hails from Memphis, Tennessee.

233 TENACIOUS Z

(5'11", 155, 1, NL) Not only is Zach Gowen a one-legged wrestler, he's actually a *damn good* one-legged wrestler ... Made his pro debut on March 16, 2002, and quickly became the buzz of the independent scene ... Lost his left leg to cancer when he was eight years old, but didn't let that stand in the way of achieving his dream of becoming a pro wrestler ... Now *that's* tenacity ... Formed a championship team with Kamikaze ... Lost a match to Frankie the Face in Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling, but that bout brought him to the attention of NWA-TNA promoters ... Wowed the fans in a dark match against Truth Martini in January in TNA ... Made his TNA TV debut with a win over B.G. James on February 5, 2003 ... The following week, he teamed with Ron Killings and Jorge Estrada to beat James, Mike Sanders, and Glenn Gilberti ... Accepted a WWE developmental contract later that month ... Debuted on the May 13 edition of *Smackdown* as a fan that was attacked by Roddy Piper ... Seconded Mr. America as the masked man faced and beat Piper at Judgment Day ... Vince McMahon had him arrested for assault on the May 20 taping of *Smackdown*, causing Mr. America to be counted out during his match against Sean O'Haire ... Working with Hulk Hogan and Piper has been a dream come true for the tenacious one.

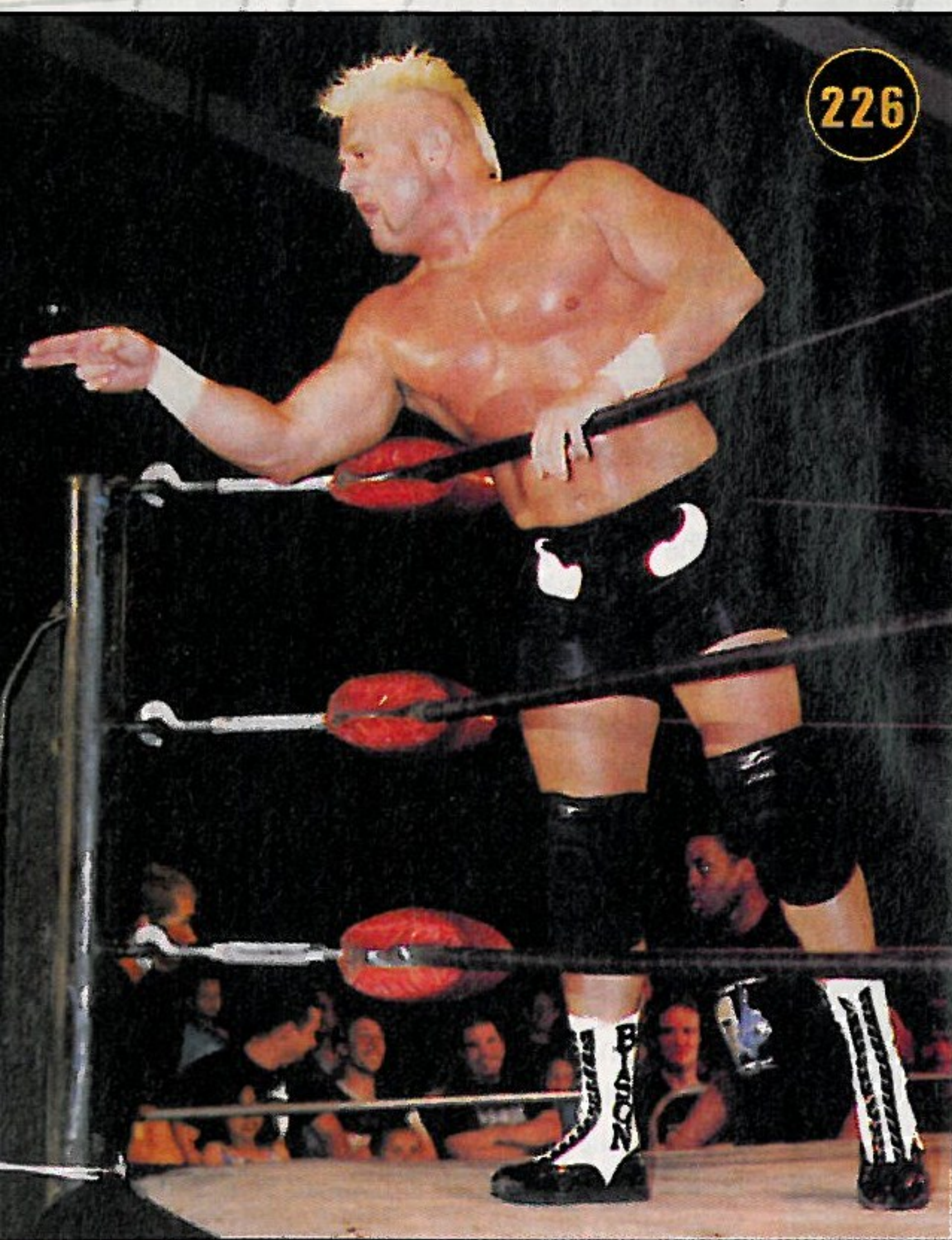
234 SHANE BALLARD

(5'9", 195, 5, 243) Best known for his tag team with identical twin brother Shannon ... Competed solo in Zero-One's NWA international junior heavyweight title tournament ... Developed a following in Mexico as El Rojo Loco ... More of a high-flyer and risk-taker than Shannon ... They are eight-time Ultimate Pro tag team champs, and former co-holders of the CZW, IZW, MSPW, and All Pro tag team titles ... Delivers an amazing tumbleweed splash off the top rope, and possesses an effective springboard moonsault ... The Ballard

brothers use the penalty box and double minor as two-man finishing moves ... He and Shannon, as native Canadians, are big hockey fanatics ... Their toughest rivals have been The Backseat Boys and the S.A.T. ... Continues to appear in East Coast promotions whenever possible, most notably in the New Jersey-based Phoenix Championship Wrestling ... Participated in the Russ Haas Memorial Cup Tournament in August 2002.

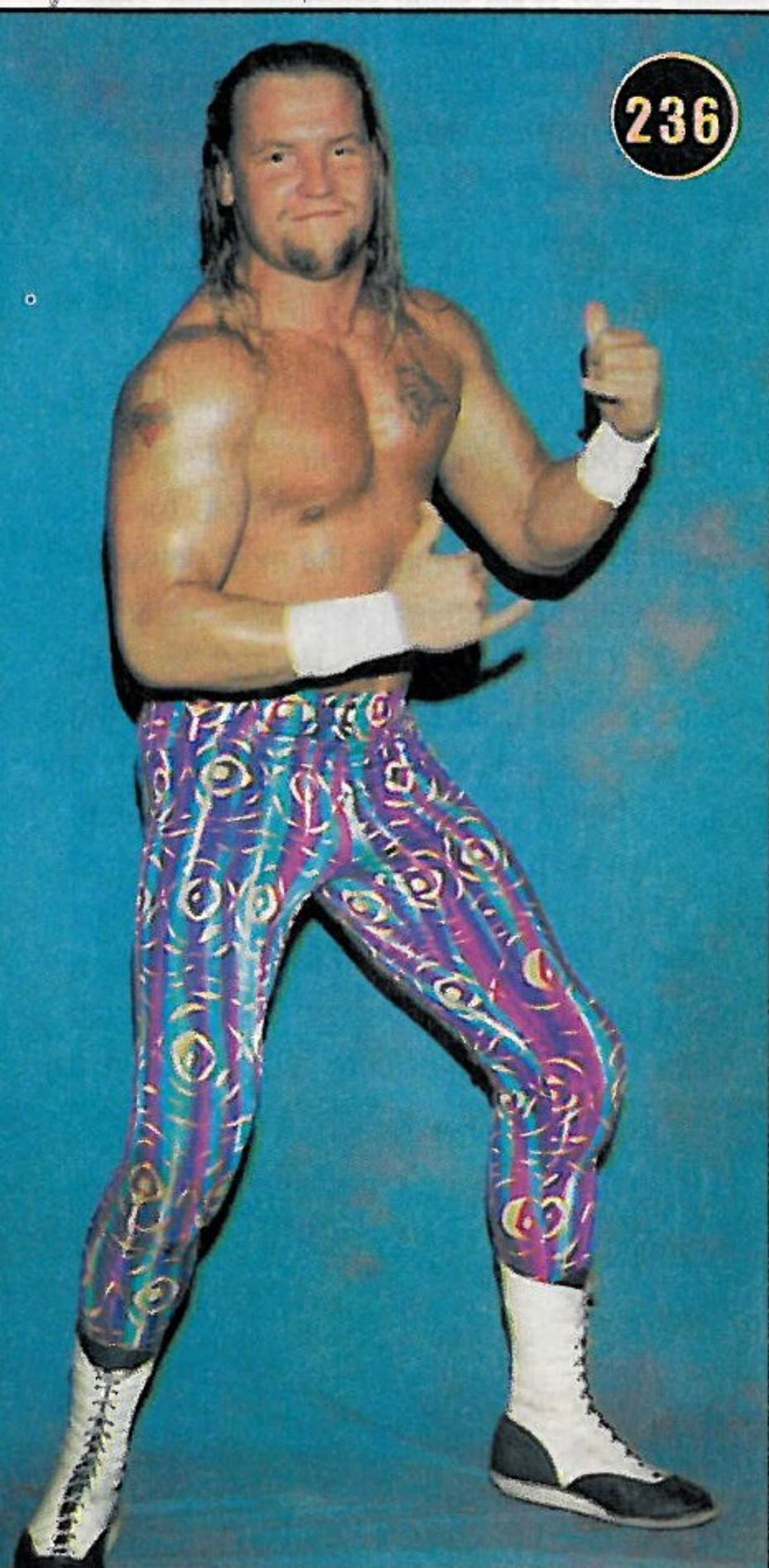
235 HOMICIDE

(6'4", 265, 12, NL) Competes throughout the Northeast, most notably in the Premier Wrestling Federation, Ring of Honor, and Jersey All Pro Wrestling ... One of the toughest brawlers on the Northeast indy circuit ... Despite his brawling prowess, he is responsible for the technical training of some of the most noteworthy Northeast independent wrestlers, including Low-Ki and Da Hit Squad ... He and Brian XL were persistent challengers for the PWF tag team title ... Blends many styles into his hybrid brand of offense ... Has toured with Big Japan ... Teamed with Abdullah the Butcher against Tony DeVito and H.C. Loc in one of the bloodiest matches in ROH history ... Likely to follow a clubbing forearm with a hubcap over the head ... With Homicide, hardcore is more than a style—it's a way of life.



236 CODY HAWK

(6'2", 212, 9, 204) Competes throughout the Midwest, primarily in Ohio and Missouri ... Based in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Wrestled in the main event of the Cauliflower Alley Club Convention in Las Vegas ... Broke an ankle,



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a wrist, and four ribs this year—all his own ... His valet is A.J. ... Trained alongside many future superstars while the HWA still had a developmental deal with WWE ... Nicknamed "The Surfer" ... Hails from Malibu Beach, California ... The hang 10 is his finisher ... Former partner of "The Ice Cream Man" Tony B ... Lance (Garrison) Cade is his toughest opponent to date ... Has held the HWA heavyweight title three times, the cruiserweight title once, and the tag team titles six times with three different partners.

237 HEAT

(5'8", 201, 6, 12) Technical expert Minoru Tanaka has transformed into the outlandish masked wrestler known as Heat ... A former

IWGP junior heavyweight champion, as

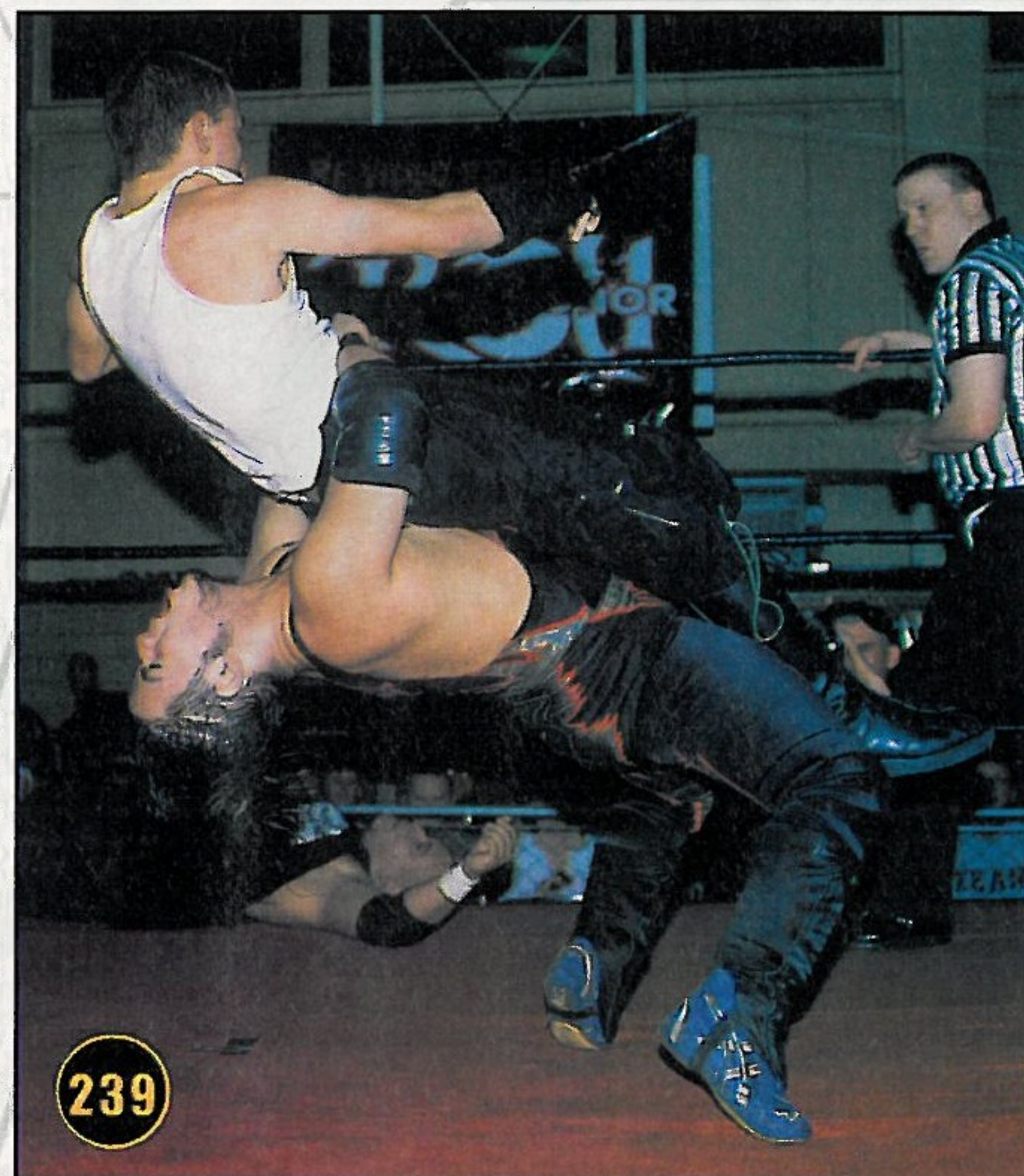
well as junior tag champ with ex-partner Koji Kanemoto ... Forms a regular tag team with Tiger Mask IV ... They appeared together at the Michinoku Pro 10th anniversary show ... Can be seen lighting up the rings of New Japan with his clean, crisp submission-based mat work ... Came up through the ranks in companies like Big Japan Pro Wrestling and BattlArts before making it big in NJPW ... Married *joshi* wrestler Yumi Fukawa last year, and later took time off during the Best of the Super Junior Tournament to train and spend more time at home ... Unique pet move is called the Minoru special, a Northern Lights suplex that he converts into the *jujigatamae* submission hold.

238 SHANNON BALLARD

(5'9", 220, 5, 240) Teams with his identical twin brother, Shane ... He's the brother wearing number 23 on his hockey jersey in case you need a way to identify him ... They held the Ultimate Pro tag team belts for most of 2002-'03 before losing them to Al Katrazz and Keiji Sakoda ... The Ballard brothers have held eight UPW tag team championships in all, in addition to several other indy tag titles throughout the United States ... Originally from Vancouver, British Columbia, which explains his love of hockey ... An instructor at UPW's training school, Ultimate University ... Known for his technical skills ... More powerful than Shane ... He and his brother have been embroiled in a feud against Hardkore Inc. in California ... The Ballards use the penalty box and the double minor as tag team finishers ... Accepted several dates on the East Coast this year ... Their gimmick is inspired by the classic 1977 hockey movie *Slap Shot*.

239 QUIET STORM

(5'8", 180, 3, 308) Feuded with Low-Ki in



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Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation for much of the past year ... Has held the PWF light heavyweight title for nine months ... Toured Japan for several months with Michinoku Pro as part of the Kaientai dojo ... Competed in NWA-TNA ... He and Chris Divine comprise Divine Storm ... Well-versed in *puroresu* ... Influenced greatly by the Hart family ... Known as a "little" Chris Benoit ... His finishing maneuver is the Storm cradle driver ... Has also appeared in the East Coast Wrestling Association, USA Pro Wrestling, Jersey All Pro, and Maryland Championship Wrestling.

240 JOHNNY SWINGER

(6', 231, 11, 339) Now based in Border City Wrestling ... Reigned as Can-Am champion for about 18 months ... Finishes off opponents with the Swing thing, a cobra clutch he turns into a Russian legswEEP ... His hometown is Atlanta ... Has appeared in NWA-TNA ... Toured Europe, Australia, and New Zealand with World Wrestling All-Stars ... Had limited success several years ago in WCW, where he became a staple of *WCW Saturday Night* ... Was a partner of Simon Diamond in ECW and still teams with him occasionally ... Known simply as Swinger during some phases of his career ... Fashions himself as a dice-rollin' ladies man ... All bets are off when Swinger is on the scene.



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241 AARON STEVENS

(6'4", 237, 5, 423) Leapfrogged his main rival in Chaotic Wrestling, John Walters, in the "PWI 500" primarily due to his impressive WWE appearances ... Lost the Chaotic Wrestling title to Walters on August 16, 2002 ... Turned heel later in the year and began feuding with New England veteran Tim McNeany ... Appeared on *Sunday Night Heat* in late-2002 and early-'03, facing Raven, Steven Richards, and Rico ... Teamed with Walters to battle tag team champions Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas on the May 1 edition of *Smackdown* ... Wrestled in a dark match prior to *Raw* last year ... WWE scouts are no doubt impressed by his tall, lean, and muscular physique, which led to their offer of a developmental contract ... His finishing move is the downer, a version of the frouser ... Currently challenging Luis Ortiz in hopes of regaining the Chaotic Wrestling championship ... Has a good chance because he defeated Ortiz for the same belt in 2002.

242 COLT CABANA

(6'1", 248, 4, 292) Became the first-ever NWA Illinois State champion by defeating Reckless Youth in his hometown of Chicago on October 27, 2002 ... Also held the International Wrestling Cartel and All-Star Championship Wrestling titles ... Lost the IWA Mid-South belt to Chris Hero, and turned against him a month later ... Turned against Raven in Ring of Honor ... Known as "Classic" Colt ... His finishing maneuver is the Colt .45, a variation of the backbreaker ... Based in the Midwest, but makes some appearances on the East and West Coasts, as well as the Mid-South ... Made his West Coast

debut against Super Dragon at a Revolution Pro Wrestling show in August 2002 ... Debuted in Ring of Honor in December ... His entrance theme is Barry Manilow's "Copacabana" ... Top opponents of the past year include C.M. Punk, Shirley Doe, Dennis Gregory, and Ikuto Hidaka ... Appeared on *NWA-TNA Xplosion*.

243 AKIRA NOGAMI

(5'9", 216, 19, NL) Long-time rival of Jushin Liger is sometimes referred to simply as Akira ... Aligned with Masa Chono and Team 2000 in years

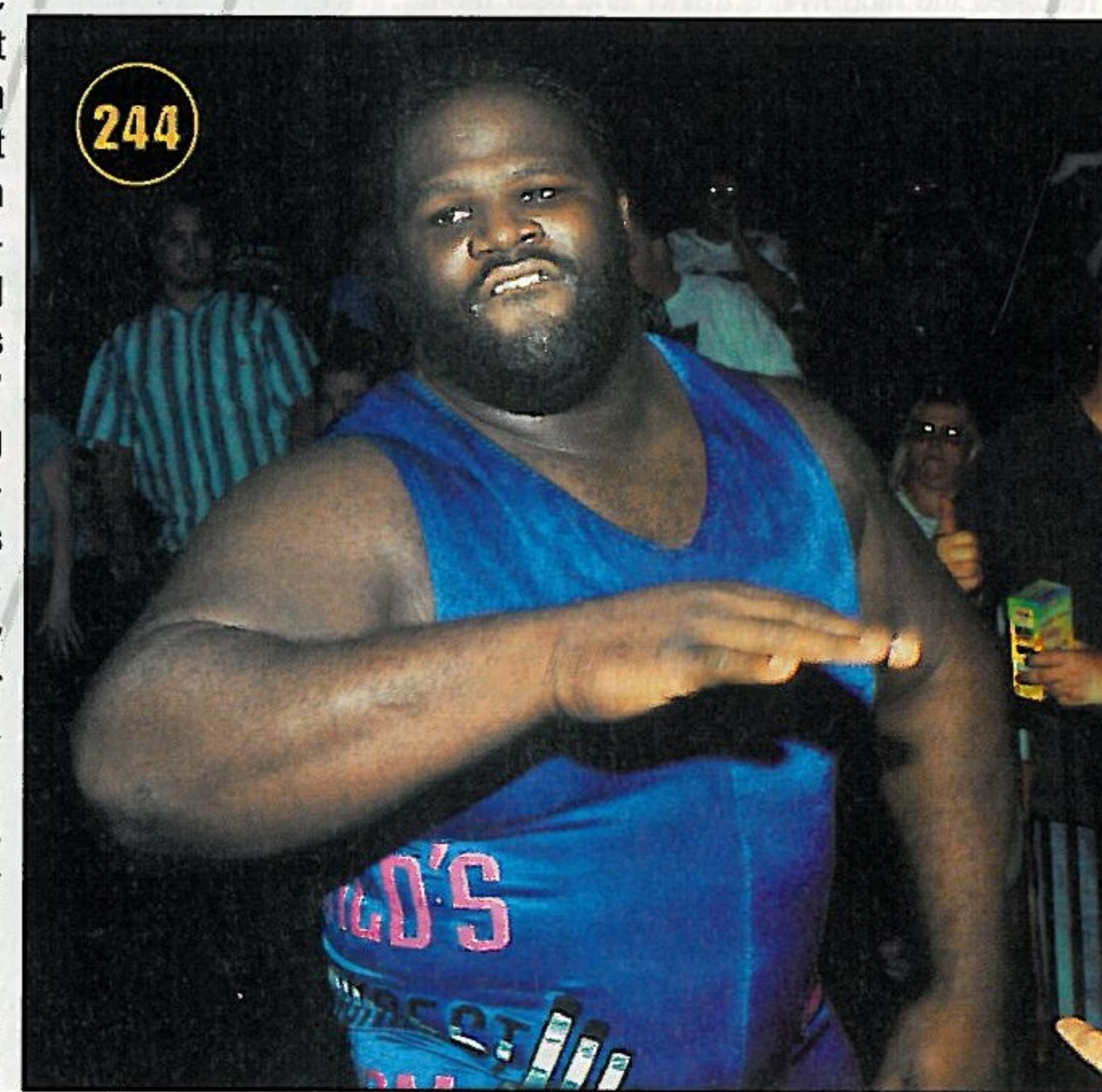
on whether he's training for power or for cardio ... Defeated Jerry Lawler in his very first pro match on a WWF pay-per-view ... Still trying to forget his on-screen romance with Mae Young ... Don't even ask him about the hand ... Scored wins over Christian, Chris Jericho, and Kurt Angle (by DQ) in 2002 ... Suffered a fairly serious ankle injury in the fall of 2002 ... Teamed with Nova to beat Orlando Jordan and Mark Magnus in an OVW match in March ... Provided he can keep his weight in check and remain injury-free, he should get another WWE run in the near future ... Says he has watched tapes of Ernie Ladd and Bad News Brown to "learn how to get more vicious" ... Quite possibly the most powerful man ever to set foot in a wrestling ring.

245 GILLBERG

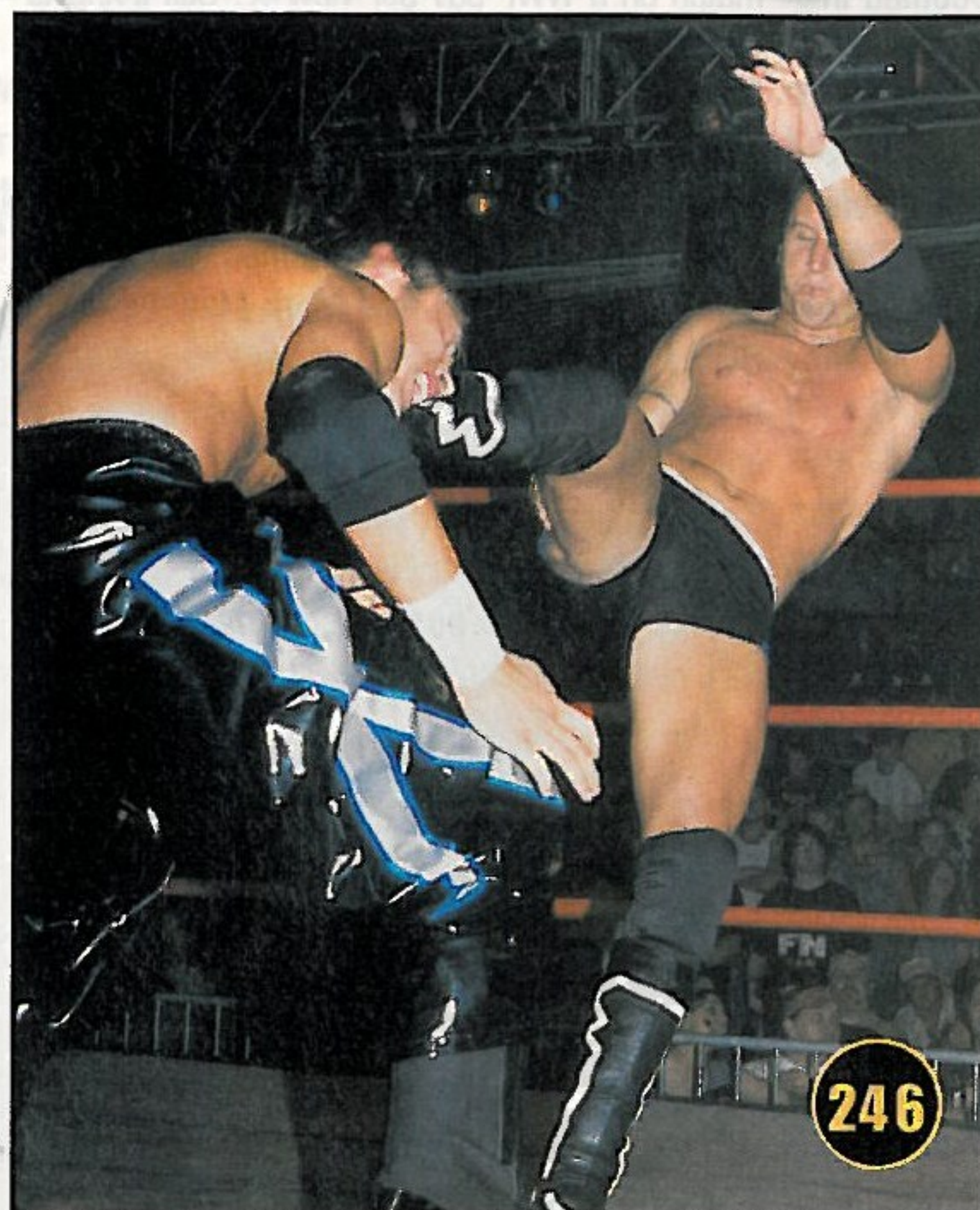
(6', 227, 13, 264) What was better than Goldberg's debut in WWE? The return of Gillberg! Okay, maybe not ... This veteran wrestler usually doesn't stray too far from the Mid-Atlantic independents for work ... Formed The Executioners with Barry Hardy back in the early-1990s ... That is, before he assumed the Gillberg persona ... Spent most of his career as "enhancement personnel" for WWE, losing to some of the biggest names in the business in one-sided TV matches ... Always entertaining, especially with his exaggerated facial expressions ... Was featured in a memorable Rock Concert II on the April 21 *Raw* with The Rock ... Parlayed his Gillberg stint into a career rebirth once before and might just get another round ... One of the nicest wrestlers you'll ever meet.

244 MARK HENRY

(6'3", 372, 6, 122) "The World's Strongest Man" was one of Vince McMahon's top draft picks for the Smackdown brand, but he has spent most of the past year in OVW and rehabbing injuries ... Won Arnold Schwarzenegger's "World's Strongest Man" contest in 2002, taking home a \$75,000 Humvee as a prize ... Was offered a 10-year, \$10-million WWF contract by McMahon in 1996 after he qualified for the Olympics as a weightlifter ... "Sexual Chocolate" was trained by the Hart family in Stu Hart's famous Dungeon ... Weight can fluctuate from about 320 to 380 pounds, depending



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246 JASON CROSS

(6', 204, 6, NL) One of the most agile and flexible wrestlers in the business ... Left NWA Wildside in 2002 after winning the promotion's heavyweight title and just before he was slated to compete in the CZW Best of the Best Tournament ... Wildside CEO Jeff G. Bailey badmouthed Cross' actions and recruited the high-flyer's trainer and best friend, John Phoenix, to replace him ... Returned under a mask and became more popular than ever ... Aided Jerry Lynn in his feud with Konnan in NWA-TNA ... His finishing move is the Cross-fire, an incredible shooting star legdrop ... Known as "The Role Model" ... Seems to be a "Cross" between A.J. Styles and Jimmy Rave inside the ring.

247 THE BLUE MEANIE

(6'1", 250, 9, 143) Still blue after all these years ... This funky funster almost always has the lovely Jasmin St. Claire at his side ... One of the main forces behind Philly-based 3PW, but he doesn't always fare well in his matches there ... Likes to mullet hunt in his spare time ... Has appeared in NWA-TNA ... Still has a beautiful Meaniesault ... Spends a lot of his time on the independent circuit headlining shows as any respectable veteran should ... Always has time for the fans ... Has wrestled all over the world, most notably in ECW and WWE ... Faced old ECW

friend and rival Raven in a 3PW match in February ... Unfortunately, Meanie lost in 11 seconds to his former mentor ... That left him feeling blue ... The former "Ice Cream Boy" has now switched to frozen yogurt.

248 MINORU FUJITA

(5'9", 195, 6, 166) Top star of the Kaientai Dojo group run by Taka Michinoku ... Former star of Michinoku Pro toured the United States and Puerto Rico extensively before returning to Japan ... Regularly appears with New Japan Pro Wrestling, in which he teams with Shinya Makabe ... Has been included in several Best of the Super Junior Tournaments, a rare distinction for an independent wrestler ... Has great German and dragon suplexes ... Used to team with Ikuto Hidaka in his days with BattlArts ... Influenced by the work of the original Tiger Mask ... One of the most active independent stars in Japan, both as a singles and tag team wrestler ... Uses a unique submission hold as his finisher, a reverse viper hold he calls boneyard.

249 DEAN JABLONSKI

(6'3", 275, 7, 227) Branched out beyond



the Heartland Wrestling Association this year, and competed throughout Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, and West Virginia ... Still teams with his brother, Chet, on occasion ... The current World Wide Wrestling champion ... Known as "Dean The Dream" ... Faced several superstars during his stints in the HWA and OVW, including Brock Lesnar, Eddie Guerrero, Val Venis, Jamie Noble, and John Cena ... Trained by Les Thatcher ... Has also competed in NWA East, North American Championship Wrestling, United States Championship Wrestling, Hardcore Championship Wrestling, and Atlantic Coast Championship Wrestling ... A former HWA tag team champ ... Currently resides in Middletown, Ohio ... Finishing maneuver is the dream weaver wheelbarrow suplex ... Now recovered from an elbow injury he suffered last year.

250 CHICANO

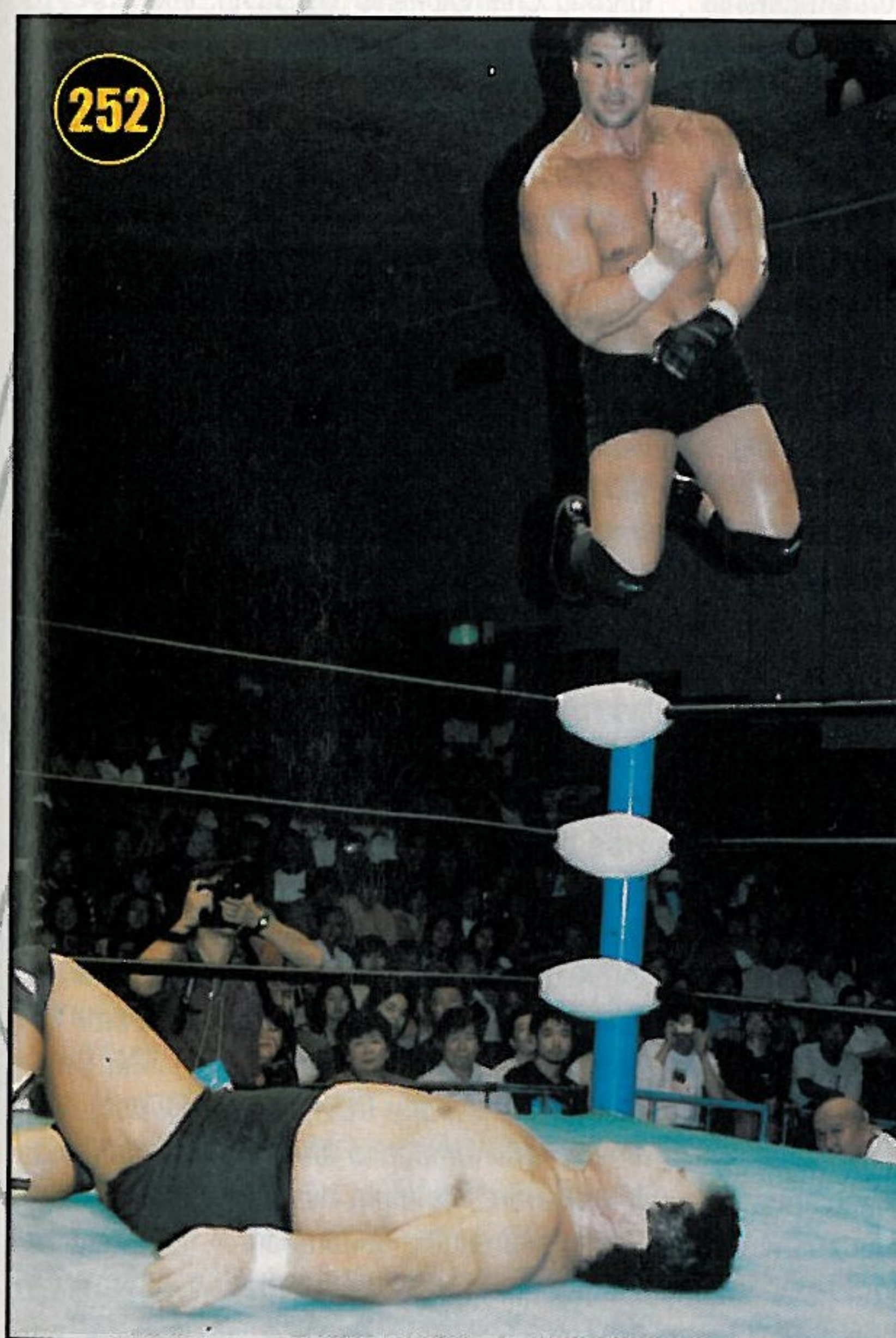
(6', 230, 2, NL) This young upstart's career was derailed when he blew out his knee in his sophomore year ... Based in the International Wrestling Association ... Returned from his injury to win the IWA Intercontinental title ... Usually outsized by his opponents in the IWA, which has a roster full of heavyweights ... Resides in Caguas, Puerto Rico ... A talented high-flyer, but is strong to execute some power moves ... At only 23 years old, this young man has a bright future—if he can stay injury-free.

251 MIKE SULLIVAN

(6'1", 220, 8, 261) Has formed a successful tag team with Scoot Andrews called Naturally Marvelous ... Always accompanied by XTC Jennie ... He and Andrews won the IPW belts in a brutal cage match against the Strong brothers in September 2002 ... Also defeated the Shane brothers to win the NWA Florida tag title and unify it with the IPW tag title ... Is a solid wrestler on his own, but has always seemed to lack something ... A bubbly personality, perhaps? ... Scoot more than makes up for it with his over-the-top personality ... A former IPW heavyweight champion ... Was once a popular wrestler, but he turned his back on the fans in order to join Ron Niemi's Alliance of Defiance ... Has competed in several WWE dark matches, including one at Madison Square Garden—fulfilling a childhood dream of wrestling there ... From Jacksonville, Florida ... A 2001 Super 8 participant.

252 MIKE BARTON

(6'4", 256, 11, 169) Cursed by being remembered by most wrestling fans as the man who got demolished by Butterbean in a "Brawl For All" contest, but that's really not fair to the



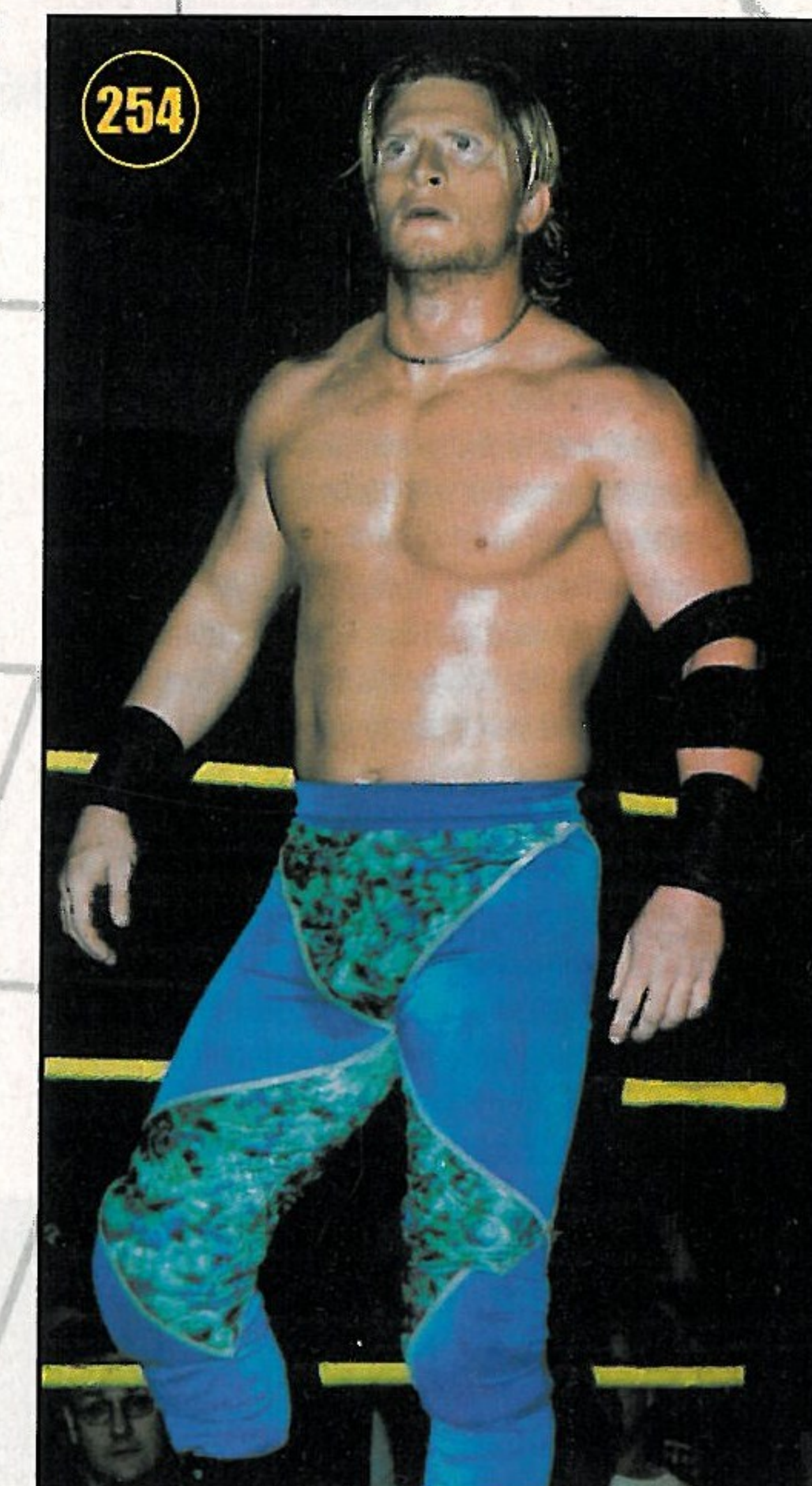
three-time WWF tag champ ... Then known as Bart Gunn, teamed with his "brother" Billy Gunn as The Smokin' Gunns ... Though fans may have smirked at their matching dusters and cap guns, Billy and Bart scored major victories over teams such as Public Enemy, Owen Hart and Yokozuna, and Chris Candido and Tom Prichard ... Reinvented himself as a legit tough guy in the WWF's "Brawl For All" Tournament ... Tourney combined boxing with takedowns on a point system ... Kayoed Steve Williams on Raw, and "Dr. Death" had a hard time recovering ... Became "Bodacious" Bart, teaming with Bob Holly as The New Midnight Express ... Has been wrestling mainly for All-Japan Pro Wrestling under his real name, Mike Barton ... Won the AJPW tag title with Johnny Ace ... Jumped to New Japan in November 2002 ... Debuted in NWA-TNA in April 2003, joining the SEX faction ... Frequently uses the Barton buster (modified power bomb) and Barton spike choke-slam ... Watch out for his left hook.

253 DR. LUTHER

(6'1", 260, 15, 338) Became the top heel in the fledgling Portland Wrestling promotion, which briefly had a television program in Oregon ... Reformed his Army of Darkness and feuded with Roddy Piper there ... Teams with The Black Dragon ... His hometown is Calgary, Alberta ... Has held titles throughout Western Canada and America's Pacific Northwest ... His finishers include the Doc bomb, a running sit-down power bomb, as well as the face puller, a variation of the camel clutch ... Defeated Shane Douglas, Sabu, A.J. Styles, Jerry Lynn, American Dragon, Juggernaut, Tony Kozina, and Adam Firestorm this year.

254 ACE STEEL

(5'9", 220, 12, 348) Won the 2003 I-8 Tournament ... His best match this year was his 15-minute clash with Rey Mysterio Jr. ... Appeared in NWA-TNA in late-2002 ... This veteran cruiserweight calls Chicago his hometown



... A member of The Second City Saints in Ring of Honor ... Teams with Danny Dominion ... He and Dominion trained Colt Cabana and C.M. Punk, the other members of The Second City Saints ... His finisher is the twist of cain ... A four-time IWA Mid-South light heavyweight champ ... Known as "Sexy" Ace ... His finishing move is a springboard off the top rope into a DDT ... Has also competed in Mid-American Wrestling and World League Wrestling.

255 RICO SUAVE

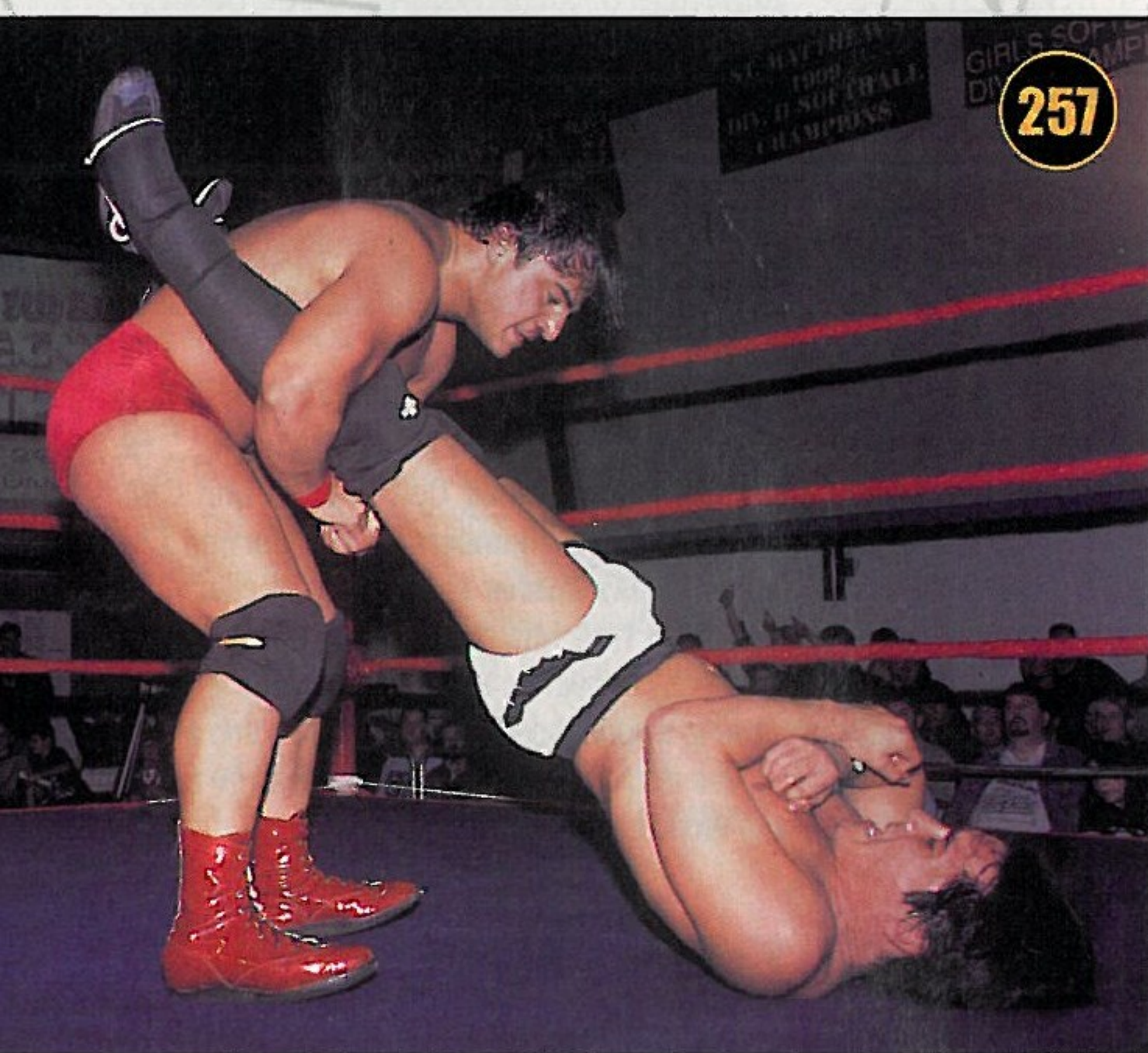
(5'9", 240, 16, NL) Like many veterans on the Puerto Rican scene, Suave is finding a niche in the hardcore style ... Dropped several pounds, which has improved his mobility ... Based in the World Wrestling Council ... Won the Caribbean title on two occasions last year ... Spent most of his career as a heel manager prior to becoming a beloved full-time wrestler in the WWC ... Feuded with Ricky Santana and Wilfredo Alejandro ... A second-generation grappler ... Resides in Humacao, Puerto Rico ... A trusted ally of the Colon family.

256 HORSHU

(6'5", 285, 7, 406) Possesses great agility and a better physique ... Infuriates the fans when he takes the microphone ... Has been a fan favorite and a heel ... Based in California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Returned to Japan's Zero-One for another tour ... Wrestled in WWE dark matches and was recently awarded a WWE developmental contract ... Previously under contract to WCW ... His finisher is the Shu-icide ... Hails from Hell's Kitchen, New York ... A former partner of Hollywood ... His toughest opponents have included Mike Modest, Donovan Morgan, and Native Blood ... Hopes to follow the lead of other Rick Bassman proteges, including Sting, The Ultimate Warrior, and John Cena.

257 ALEX ARION

(5'7", 205, 5, 425) Competed in the ECWA Super 8, but lost to eventual winner Paul London in the opening round ... Nicknamed "The Golden Greek" ... Based in Vermont's Green Mountain



Wrestling, where he has held the tag team and TV titles ... A former New England Championship Wrestling and All-Star Wrestling titleholder ... Has also competed in Ring of Honor, NWA New England, and the International Wrestling Association ... Has wrestled in WWE dark matches ... Blends technical and aerial wrestling well ... His finisher is the reverse double-jump bodypress ... Trained by Al Snow and Steve Bradley ... Resides in Manchester, New Hampshire ... His

toughest opponents have included Bradley, Maverick Wild, Dan Hawke, and Bob

Evans ... Feuded with Shannon Moore when both were in the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Seems fully recovered from the ankle injury he suffered last year.

258 JOHNNY MOSS

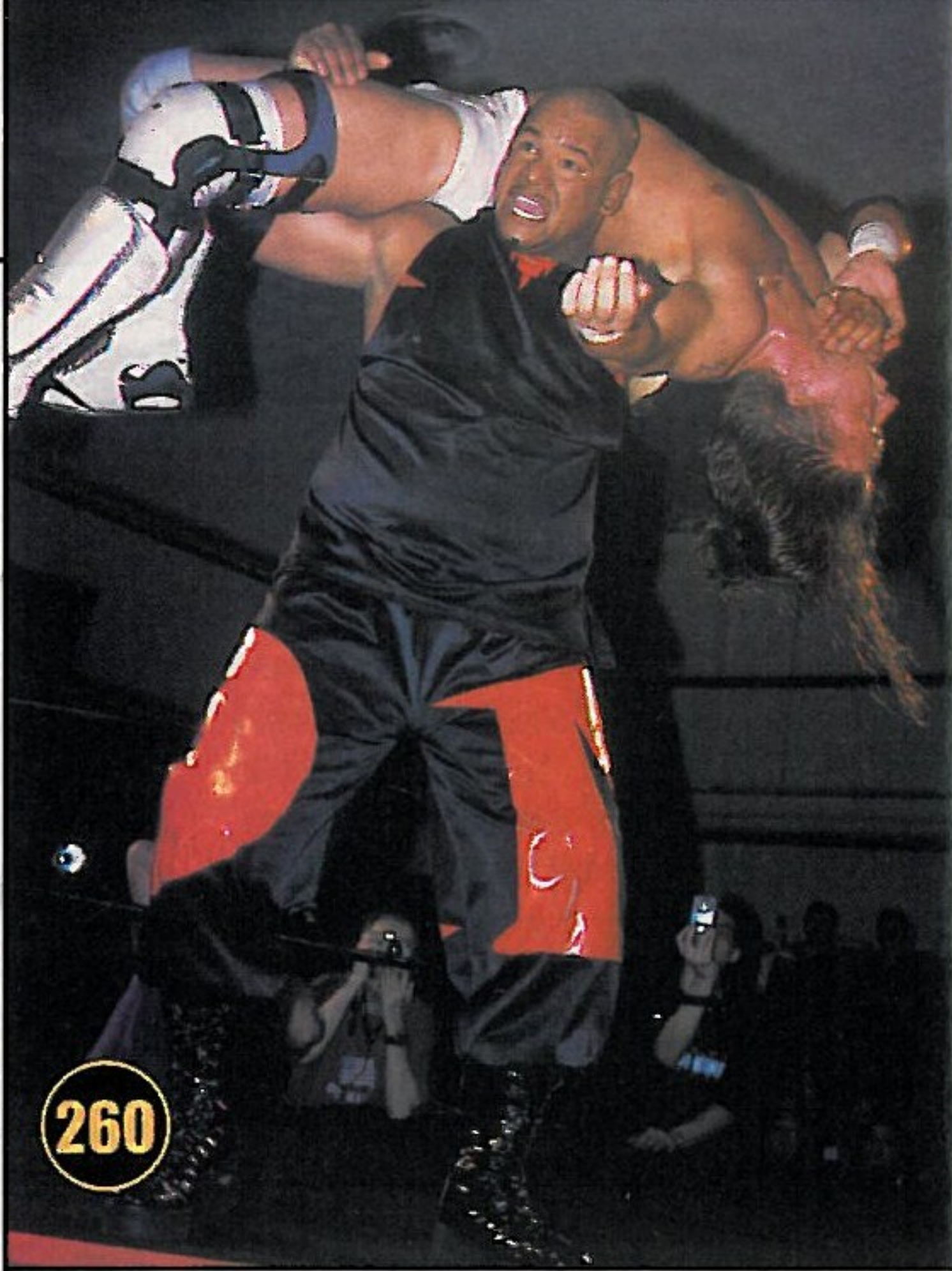
(5'10", 240, 4, NL) His bloody and brutal feud with Andre Baker sparked up again when he teamed with Sinn (Chris Champion) against Baker and Jim Neidhart in a series of matches ... Based in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... The first-ever NWA U.K. champion ... Won his second U.K. title from Jake Roberts in Ashford, Kent, in October of last year ... Defeated Danny Garnell at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas, that same month ... Has defended the belt outside the U.K., including Ireland, the European continent, and the United States ...

Displaying more viciousness since regaining the championship ... His trademark chops are more painful than ever ... His hometown is Egremont, Cumbria, United Kingdom ... The split-legged moonsault is his signature move ... Nicknamed "Vigilante" ... Holds a black belt in ring wrestling, a form of shootfighting ... Earned a medal for "overall performance" in South England's open submission championship ... Needed wires to repair a dislocated elbow in January ... Appeared in *Scrapheap Challenge*, the

British version of *Junkyard Wars*.

259 PRINCE NANA

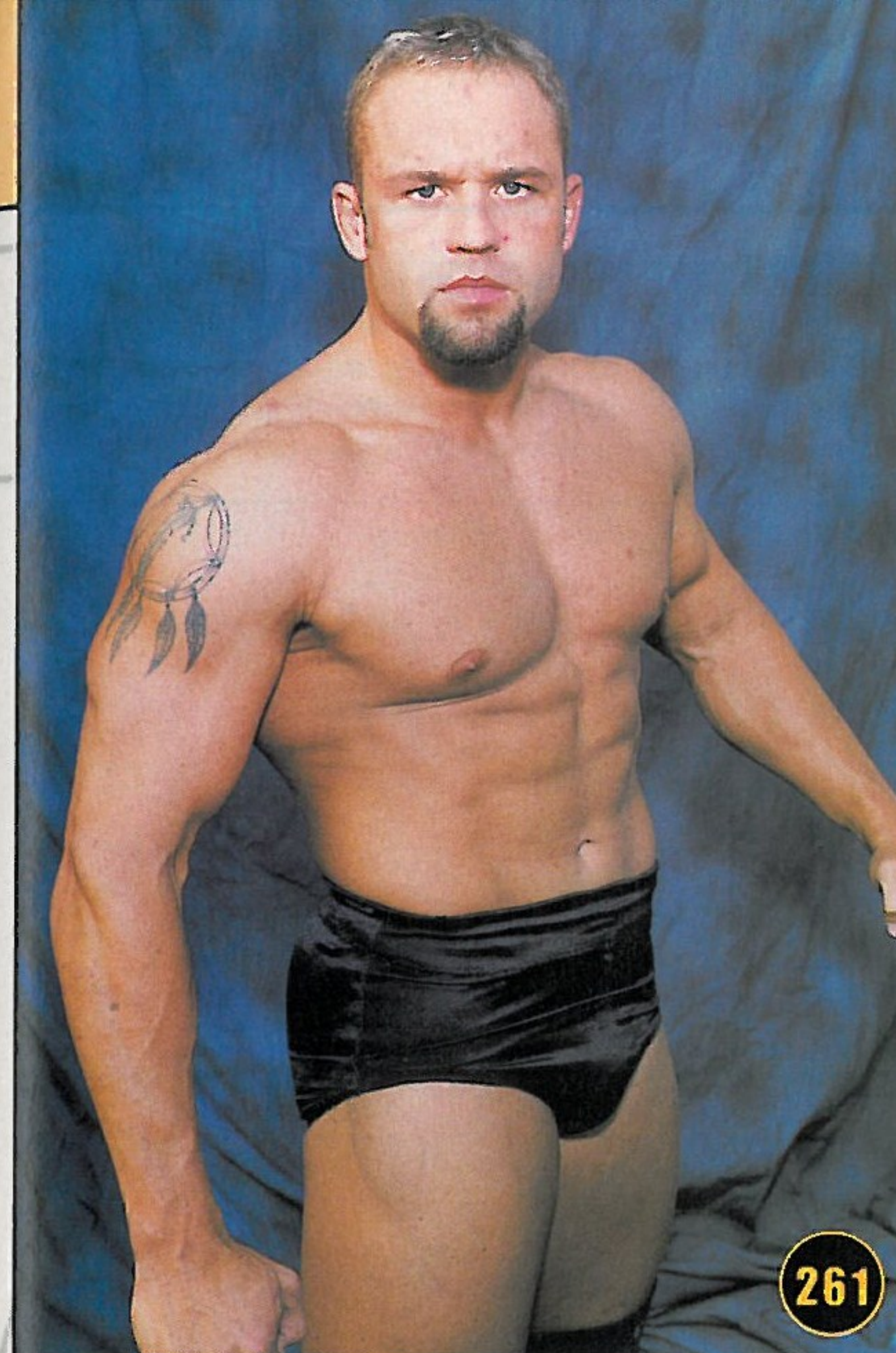
(5'11", 235, 7, 301) Captured the ECWA Mid-Atlantic title on May 3 ... Spent most of the past year assembling a group of henchmen known as Royal Decision ... The stooges include ECWA tag team champions Ace Darling and Striker, Tyler Payne, and the 380-pound Mega ... His next tar-



get is Christopher Daniels' heavyweight belt, which Nana held only a year ago ... The most hated man in the ECWA ... A legitimate African prince ... "Knighted" his entire Royal Decision group into the Ashanti tribe of West Ghana ... Wrestles primarily in the Northeast ... Has also competed in Ring of Honor, the Premier Wrestling Federation, Independent Championship Wrestling, Pocono Championship Wrestling, and USA Pro Wrestling ... Best known for his bloody and brutal feud with Cheetah Master ... Other tough opponents have included Scoot Andrews, Tom Marquez, and Xavier ... Has wrestled Crash Holly and Steve Blackman at WWE shows in the past.

260 DANNY MAFF

(6', 245, 3, 314) Formerly known as Mafia of Da Hit Squad ... Still teams with former partner Monsta Mack on occasion ... Now truly on his own, as he won his sixth Jersey All Pro tag team title by himself in a three-way match in Woodbridge, New Jersey ... Now known as "The Hired Assassin" ... His finisher is the burning hammer ... Pinned his mentor, Homicide, to win his first singles title, the Jersey All Pro heavyweight championship ... His first title defense was against Slyk Wagner Brown ... Joined forces with Monsta Mack and Homicide to battle Men's Teoh and his Men's Club in Sapporo during a Big Japan tour ... Hails from Brooklyn, New York ... Feuding with Special K and The Carnage Crew in Ring of Honor ... The Crew, comprised of Tony DeVito and H.C. Loc, piledrived him through a table ... Joel and Jose Maximo are his main rivals in Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation ... Has held tag team titles in JCW, USA Pro, ICW/UCW, WXW, the LIWF, and the UWA.



261 LEX LOVETT

(6'1", 225, 4, 297) Added 20 pounds to his frame and has emerged as a contender for the NWA Florida State and IPW heavyweight titles ... Feuding with Antonio Banks ... Won "Rage In The Cage 5," a 20-man bring-your-own-weapons battle royal held inside a steel cage ... Trained by Steve Keim and Jimmy Del Ray ... His hometown is Tampa ... Has held the NWA junior heavyweight and Florida junior heavyweight belts ... Wrestled in WWE and NWA-TNA dark matches ... Also appeared in NWA Wildside, Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling, the XWF, and World Japan Pro Wrestling ... Holds pinfall victories over Michael Shane, Christopher Daniels, and Scoot Andrews ... His finisher is the Lex buster, a variation of the blockbuster.

262 KEIJI SAKODA

(6', 240, 4, 258) Made his Ultimate Pro Wrestling return at "Shockwave," held at California's Galaxy Theater ... Turned against his partner, Skulu, and attacked Ultimate Pro champion Tom Howard at the event ... That led to a title encounter later that night in which Sakoda took Howard to the limit ... Possesses agility, strength, and a good knowledge of the martial arts ... A prominent wrestler in Japan's Zero-One ... Broadened his experience with a tour of the

heavyweight belt three times ... Exchanged that championship with both Diabolico and Damian ... Lives in Hatillo, Puerto Rico ... The 24-year-old wrestler is poised to make an impressive mark on the island, and probably beyond.

264 GEDO

(5'7", 215, 10, 154) He and partner Jado are always chasing the IWGP junior tag title in New Japan ... Fared well in this year's round-robin Best of the Super Junior Tournament ... Former IWGP junior tag team champion rose to prominence in Team No Respect alongside Kodo Fuyuki after earning a name for himself in the 1994 and 1995 Super J Cups ... Had his best singles matches against men like Chris Benoit and Chris Jericho ... Appeared regularly with the now-defunct FMW and WAR promotions ... Popped up in the States in the rings of

independent circuit before returning to UPW ... Wrestled Chuck Palumbo on *Velocity* ... Appeared as a judge in WWE Raw champion Triple-H's posedown against Scott Steiner ... He and the other judges helped Triple-H attack Steiner ... Has competed in several dark matches for WWE ... A native of Tokyo, Japan ... His finishing move is the roaring elbow.

263 STEFANO

(5'9", 220, 3, NL) A quick aerialist based in the International Wrestling Association ... Credited with five IWA hardcore title reigns, but most of those were very brief due to a 24/7 rule ... Has already held the junior

WCW and ECW ... Currently feuding with Jushin Liger and Koji Kanemoto, as well as the tandem of Tiger Mask IV and Heat ... Has a great pinning combination in his barrel roll variation he calls the Gedo clutch.

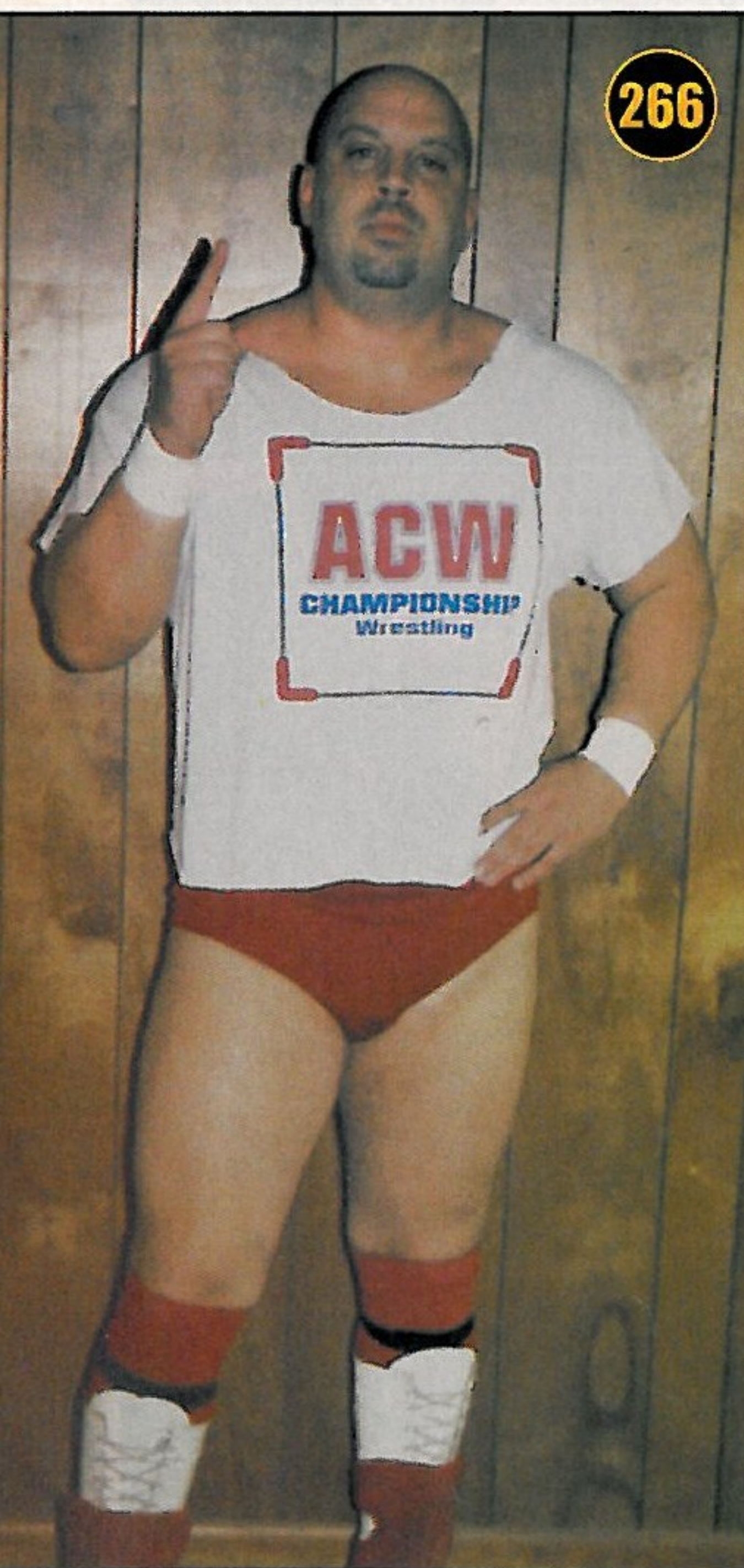
265 STEVE MACK

(5'10", 275, 5, 311) Still wrestles as Monsta Mack whenever he teams with Mafia in Da Hit Squad ... For the most part, the two men are pursuing singles careers now after a recent split ... Da Hit Squad teamed with their mentor, Homicide, to defeat Men's Teoh and his Men's Club during a Big Japan tour last October ... They placed third in the BJPW Maximum tag League Tournament ... The duo lost to Mike Krueh and Low-Ki in their East Coast Wrestling Association debut ... Da Hit Squad has held 23 tag team championships in 10 different promotions during their careers ... A native of Brooklyn, New York ... Has enjoyed his greatest success in Jersey All Pro Wrestling, where he has held the tag team title five times ... Still teaming with Mafia in Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation ... Has also competed in Ring of Honor, 3PW, WXW, IPW, USA Pro, ICW, and various NWA territories ... Nicknamed "The Brooklyn Bull" ... Severely sprained his ankle and toe during a ROH show in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania ... His finisher is a Rikishi driver off the second rope.



266 FRANK PARKER

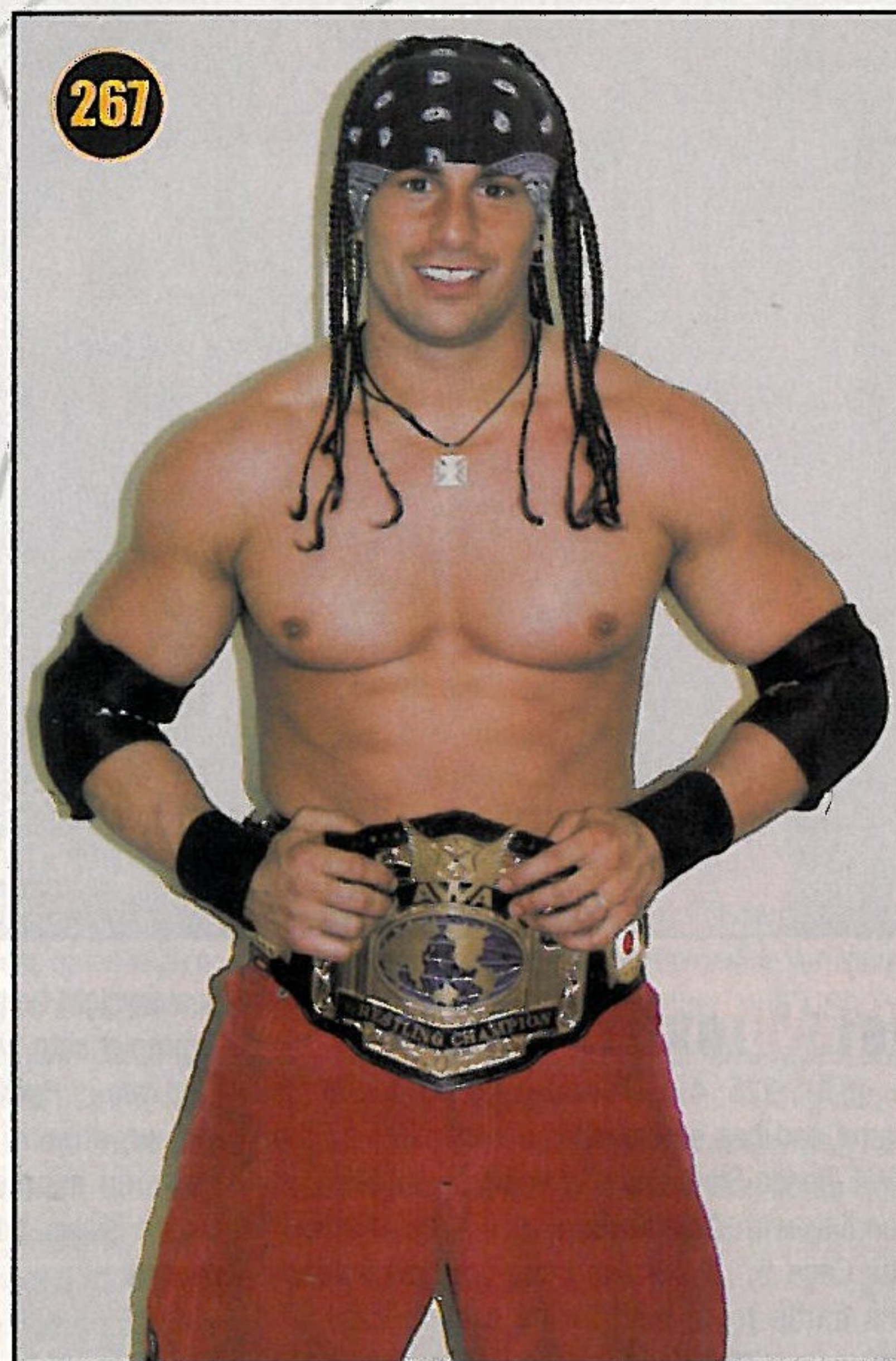
(6'3", 275, 10, 265) It's been a very successful year for "The Tank" ... Defeated Buff Bagwell to win the American Championship Wrestling heavyweight title in North Carolina ... Defeated both Rick Morton and David Flair on the same card to win the Ram Wrestling heavyweight title in West Virginia ... Teamed with long-time partner Roger Anderson to win the Cherokee Wrestling Federation and Mason Dixon tag titles ... Has also formed a devastating team with War Machine. The two claim to have been banned from West Virginia due to excessive violence ... Signature move is the face lift, a fireman's carry turned into a stunner ... Has also competed in the WWE as well as in NWA-TNA this year ... Won the Valiant Cup by winning a Royal Rumble-style battle royal. He was presented with the cup by Jimmy Valiant ... Developing a growing fan base in the Southeast even though he is a heel.



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267 EVAN KARAGIAS

(5'11", 169, 5, 197) Defeated Eric Priest for the AWA title after making a surprise appearance at an AWA Wrestling Entertainment show last year ... Lost the belt to the massive Horshu in Mercedes, Texas ... Still on the AWA roster despite his active pursuit of an acting career ... Has already appeared on *Passions* and *All My Children* ... Even appeared in a Calvin Klein ad before getting involved with wrestling ... And Eric Priest calls himself the "Underwear Model"? ... The leader of Three Count, a clique also comprised of Shane Helms (The Hurricane) and Shannon Moore, while in WCW ... The three sang songs and danced before, during, and after matches, following the rich tradition of boy bands ... Ended up being the least successful of the three ... Left the WWE developmental system more than a year ago to move to Los Angeles for his acting career.



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268 CHICKY STARR

(5'8", 230, 29, NL) Still finds Puerto Rico to be a nice home after three decades in the business ... Defected from the International Wrestling Association to the World Wrestling Council ... His Starr Corporation needed some restructuring because not all of his stooges made the jump ... Upset Carly Colon for the WWC universal title ... Held the belt for only a short while ... Proclaimed himself "The King Of Puerto Rico," an annoying moniker, especially with the legendary Carlos Colon still on the scene ... Resides in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico.

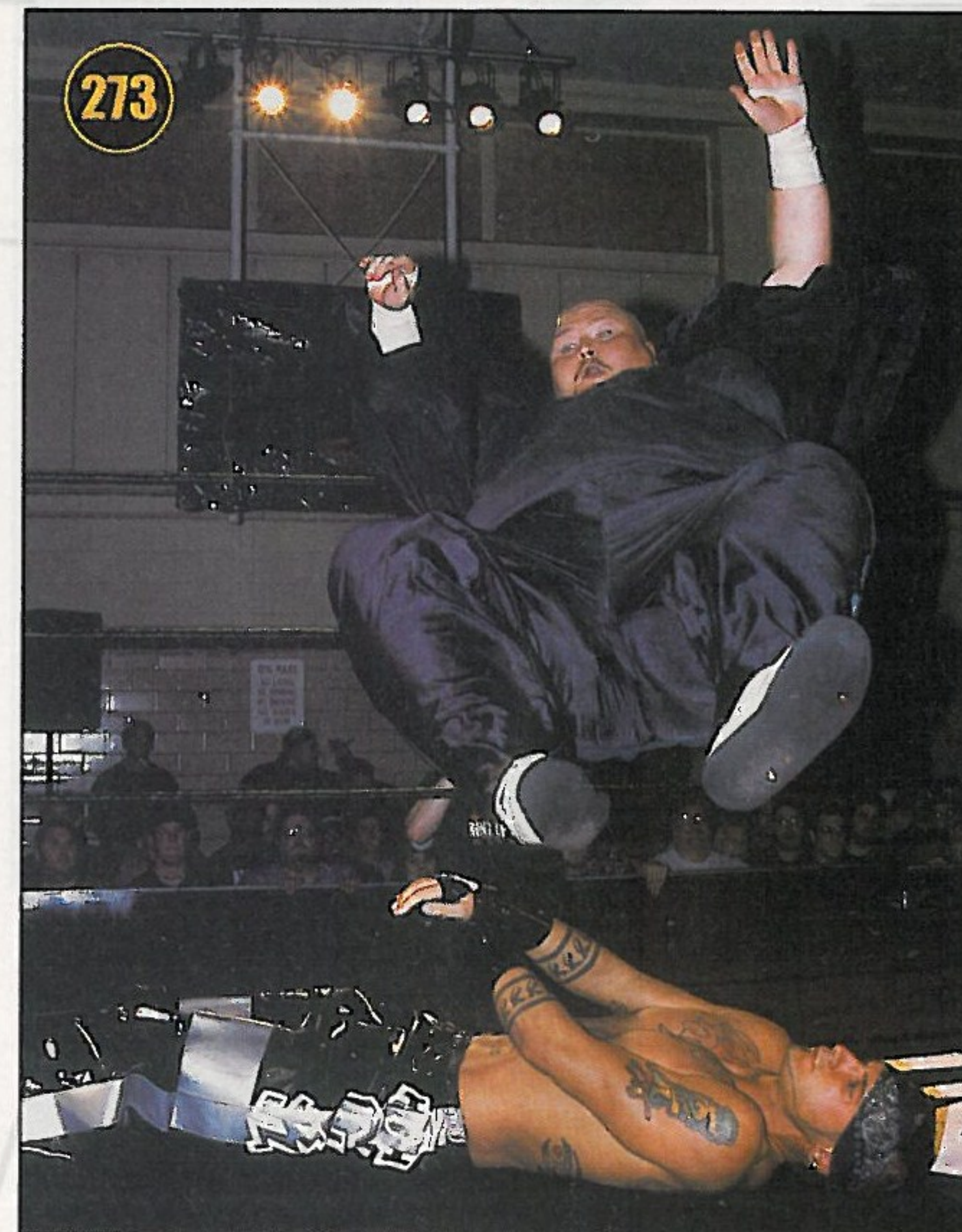
269 JADO

(5'6", 198, 10, 158) Together with Gedo, he's become one of Japan's most respected tag team wrestlers ... Former IWGP junior tag team champion who now chases the title held by Jushin Liger and Koji Kanemoto ... Had some excellent tag bouts with Tiger Mask IV and Heat ... Formerly a key player in FMW's Team No Respect group under Kodo Fuyuki ... Teamed with Dick Togo at a WEW event to honor Fuyuki in the parking lot of the former Kawasaki Stadium ... Has experience with many independent groups, including Mi-

chinoku Pro and Big Japan ... Made a few appearances with ECW in the States a few years back ... Uses some nice suplex variations, like the German and the fisherman, but likes to put opponents away with his power bomb.

270 MIKEY HENDERSON

(5'9", 215, 11, 260) This one-time prodigy has been wrestling since age 14 ... Now, at age 22, he's an eight-year veteran ... Strong and agile, and promoters often rave about his "great look" ... Incorporates some high-flying moves into his power-based style ... Critics say Henderson, who is relatively small, relies too heavily on his strength ... Slices opponents with his knife-edge chops ... Possesses a very effective guillotine legdrop off the top rope ... A former Ultimate Pro champion, but had to forfeit the title due to personal reasons ... Returned to UPW this year ... Battled Frankie Kazarian in an incredible match at California's Grove Theater on April 25 ... Planning another tour with Japan's Zero-One ... A contender for the NWA international junior heavyweight title, which is defended in both the U.S. and Japan ... His finisher is the miracle maker ... A resident of Palmsdale, California.



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271 JIMMY VEGAS

(6'3", 250, 3, 285) Considered a hot prospect despite his cocky attitude and humongous ego ... He truly believes that he's more talented, better-looking, and more charismatic than everyone else ... With that attitude, it's not hard to believe that he was trained by Shane Douglas ... Has already caught the attention of WWE officials and has wrestled dark matches ... The current International Wrestling Cartel heavyweight champion ... Feuding with Dennis Gregory over the belt ... Also competes in a promotion named B.E.E.R. ... Feuded with such notables as Tommy Dreamer, The Sandman, and Julio Dinero in the past ... Also has experience in the ECWA ... Uses the Angle slam as his finisher, only he calls it the *cha-ching!*

272 GLEN OSBOURNE

(6'1", 260, 13, 255) Pinned Christian York and Julio Dinero in a tournament to become the first Delaware Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Beat The Patriot in a no-disqualification match ... Joined The Bouncer, Riptide, and Johnny Thunder to form The Pain Syndicate ... Attacked Chris Hamrick in April, giving him another enemy in DCW ... Reunited with Darkside partner Rockin' Rebel to win the POW tag team title ...

Pursuing WWWA U.S. champion Larry Zbyszko ... Has also appeared regularly in the IWA, SWO, and TPWA ... Toured Central America ... A methodical power wrestler who uses basic moves to maximum advantage ... Surprises opponents with a high dropkick.

273 ICEBERG

(6'3", 600, 7, 286) The "Being Of Inconceivable Horror" has dominated NWA Wildside ... Won the Wildside title from David Young in September 2002 and has held it ever since ... Has suffered only two pinfall defeats in his career ... The top man in Jeff G. Bailey's NWA Elite ... Slices opponents with

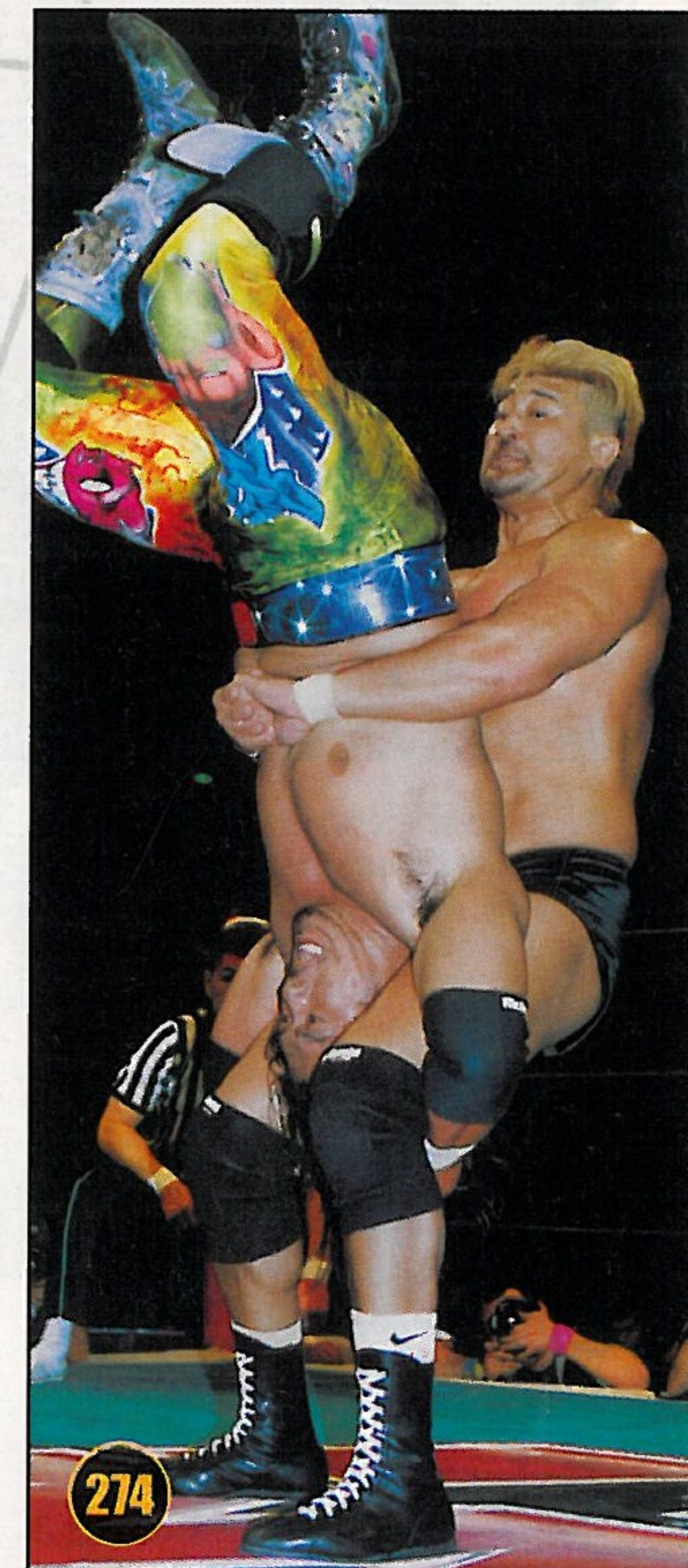
his "special toy," a potato peeler that Bailey claims was "forged in the depths of hell" ... Mentored by Abdullah the Butcher ... The only 600-pounder capable of delivering a swanton bomb, which he calls the extinction level event ... Has also competed in NWA-TNA, Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling, Combat Zone Wrestling, and Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council.

274 TAKAO OMORI

(6'2", 257, 11, 116) Former star of Mitsuharu Misawa's NOAH group was shipped to the United States for some international seasoning ... Seems like the NOAH office forgot about him shortly thereafter, as he spent most of the year traveling through the American independents before returning home as a free agent ... Made an appearance in NWA-TNA ... Joined Riki Choshu's fledgling WJ Pro group in time for the promotion's first tour in March ... Already among the group's top stars ... Former NOAH tag team champion with No Fear partner Yoshihiro Takayama ... The two had a very public falling-out ... Groomed in the rings of All-Japan, he became a breakout star thanks to a short feud with Kenta Kobashi that climaxed when they met in the finals of the Champions Carnival a few years back ... Destroys opponents with his axe bomber lariat.

275 MAHONEY

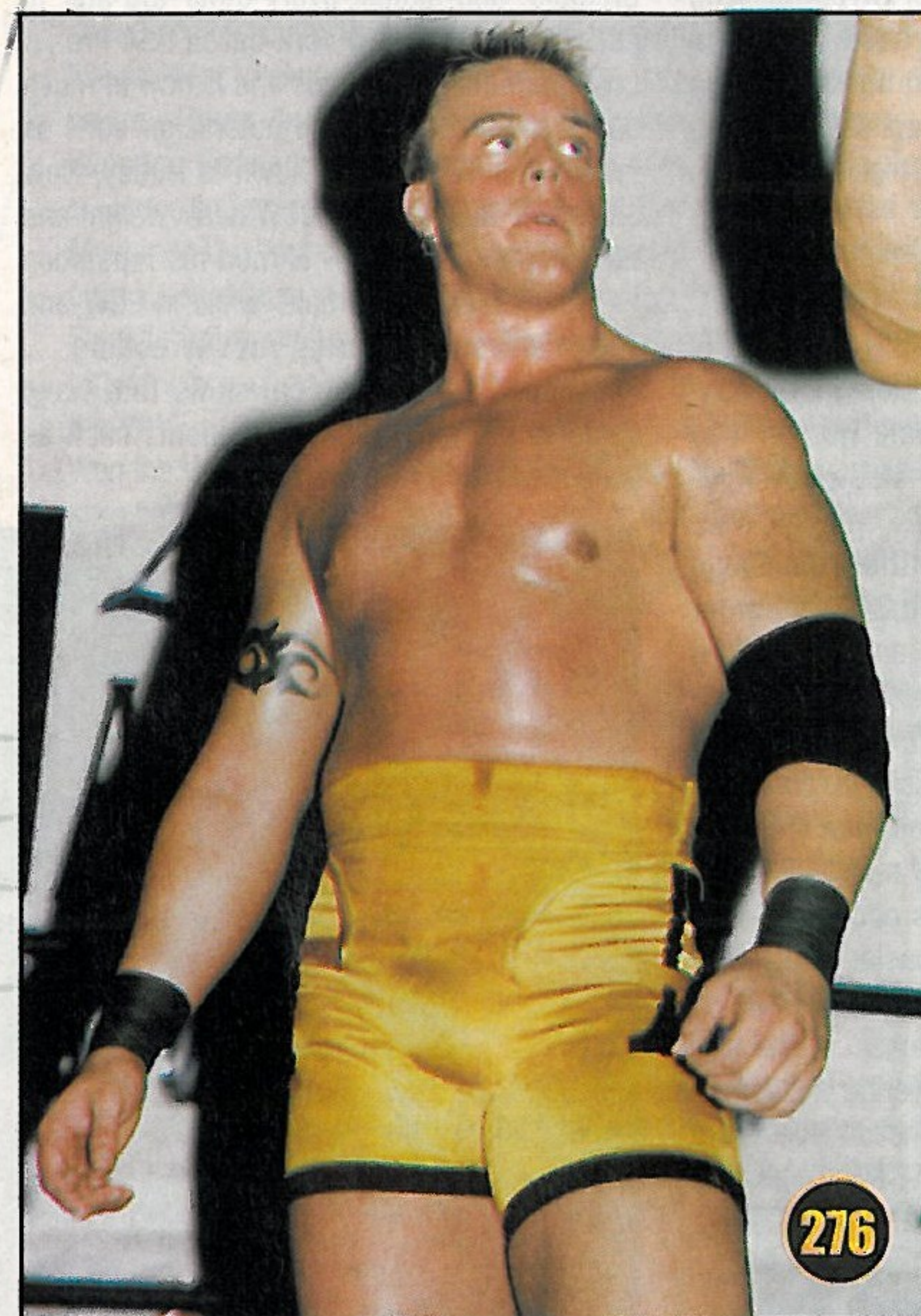
(6'2", 280, 11, 294) Competes in the Northeast and Midwest, most notably in USA Pro Wrestling and Xtreme Intense Championship Wrestling ... Has held the USA Pro title six times ... Has pinned Bam Bam Bigelow, Gangrel, Steve Corino, Homicide, Justin Credible, and almost every other top star to pass through the New York-based USA Pro ... Lost more than 80 pounds and is now in much better shape ... Uses the nutcracker suite as his finisher ... His hometown is Nutley, New Jersey ... Has held the XICW heavyweight and ECW tag team titles ... Earned his reputation as a "chair-swingin' freak" while in ECW and Japan's Frontier Martial Arts Wrestling ... Possesses solid technical skills that have come to the fore against opponents such as Mike Kruel.



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276 CHET JABLONSKI

(6'1", 232, 3, 221) Defeated Matt Stryker for the Heartland Wrestling Association heavyweight title ... Competes primarily in Dayton and Cin-



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cinatti, Ohio, as well as in Louisville, Kentucky ... His signature maneuvers are the hit the showers, ground low, and hangman ... Managed by sports agent Brock Guffman ... His hometown is Buffalo, New York ... Best known for his A-Squad tag team with brother Dean ... Derek Neikirk and Pepper Parks have also been among his partners ... Has held the HWA tag team championship six times ... Nicknamed "The Jet" ... Known for his cocky attitude ... Lost to J.J. Duquesne in his 2000 debut ... A two-sport star in high school ... Poised to make more of an impact as a singles competitor, rather than a tag team specialist, in the upcoming year.

277 ADAM FIRESTORM

(5'10", 190, 7, 269) Emerged as a top star in the short-lived Portland Wrestling TV promotion

... Roddy Piper labeled Firestorm, Tony Kozina, and American Dragon the "New Millennium" ... Feuded with Dr. Luther's Army of Darkness, which included Black Dragon and Damon Scythe ... Hails from Auckland, New Zealand ... Turned against Ja Jakobe and Scotty Mac to join Chance Beckett in NWA Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Led Team Firestorm in New Attitude Wrestling, a points-based promotion featuring teams of wrestlers ... Competed in the third annual Pacific Cup ... Added dirty tactics to his wealth of technical skills ... His signature moves are the moonlight bomb and adamant denial ... Appeared in a special presentation with Ted DiBiase, Sting, and Nikita Koloff ... Does a good Howard Finkel impersonation.

278 SUPER CRAZY

(5'8", 211, 6, NL) Former ECW star is a major player in his native Mexico, whether it's with AAA or EMLL ... Also appears in Puerto Rico from time to time ... Semi-regular star with New Japan, his Lucha Libre style spices things up in their junior heavyweight division ... Has had strong showings in Japan this

year, but was not selected for the Best of the Super Junior Tournament ... Long feud with Tajiri before the folding of ECW yielded many excellent matches ... Much more active this year than last ... Fought Taizi Ishimori for the vacant UWA welterweight title, but was upset by the rookie ... Known for his wild high-flying moves and devil-may-care attitude ... His springboard moonsault press makes for an excellent finisher.

279 VICTOR THE BODYGUARD

(6'3", 245, 10, NL) Known as one of the most dangerous brawlers in Puerto Rico ... Based in the International Wrestling Association ... A long-time former member of The Starr Corporation ... Remained alone in the IWA after Chicky Starr defected to the WWF ... Sided with IWA owner Victor Quinones in his effort to drive Savio Vega

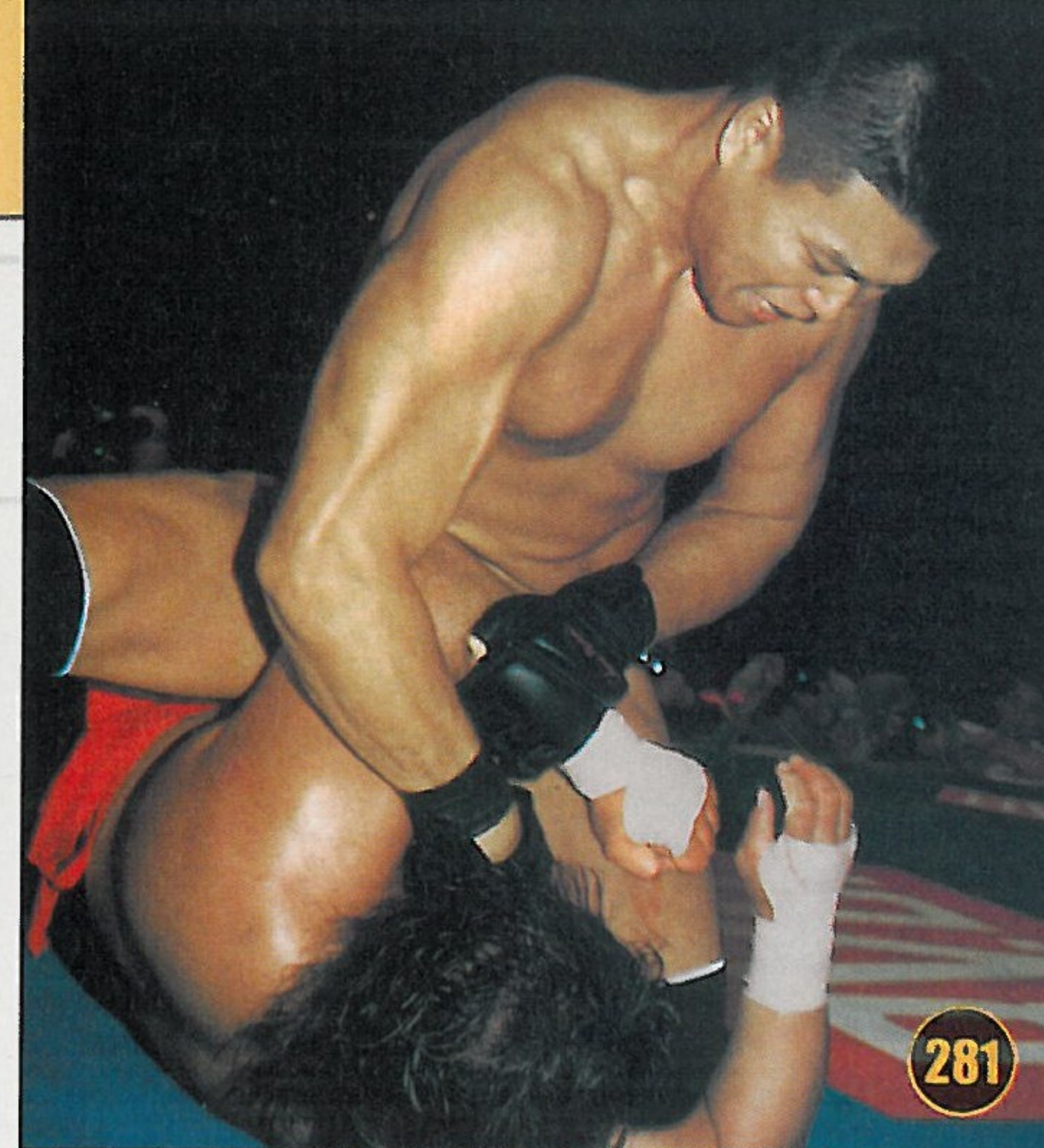


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out of the promotion ... Has improved his brawling techniques, and that doesn't mean he's spent more time in San Juan saloons ... Resides in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

280 JINSEI SHINZAKI

(5'10", 207, 10, 131) Every bit as important behind the scenes of Michinoku Pro as he is in the ring since the election of Great Sasuke to the Senate ... American fans might remember his WWF stay under the name Hakushi, as he feuded with Bret Hart and The 1-2-3 Kid (Syxx-Pac) in the 1990s ... Has wrestled for New Japan, All-Japan Pro Wrestling, and FMW during his career ... Slow, methodical wrestler surprises opponents with his explosive speed at key moments ... Former teammate of Hayabusa, the two were a popular tandem and even appeared together in ECW for a brief stint ... Like The Undertaker, Shinzaki can walk the top rope like a cat, but he often does it with his eyes closed ... Matches up against men from all weight classes ... Has a sensational top-rope headbutt ... His signature move is the praying power bomb, but he sometimes likes to make opponents submit to his straightjacket camel clutch.



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281 NAOYA OGAWA

(6', 232, 7, 148) Judo master is not only a star in Zero-One, he's one of Japan's biggest sports celebrities ... Long-time rival of Shinya Hashimoto, the two now form Zero-One's most popular tag team ... Has experience with other groups ranging from the NWA to New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Groomed for stardom by Antonio Inoki, who likes crossover wrestlers with backgrounds in other types of physical combat ... Has no problem dismantling much bigger opponents ... Known for his largely uncooperative attitude ... Ground game is among the best in the business ... Can work his jointlock submissions and chokeholds from virtually any angle ... Pet move is the STO, which stands for Space Takedown Ogawa, a violent throw akin to the side Russian leg sweep.

282 VINNY MASSARO

(5'9", 259, 5, 263) His biggest thrill of the past year occurred when he faced Mitsuharu Misawa and Yoshinari Ogawa in a tag team match at a Pro Wrestling Iron show in Fairfield, California ... Also competes in Xtreme Pro Wrestling and Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Based in the Golden State ... Xtasy is his valet ... Constantly studies videotapes, making him better able to utilize unorthodox maneuvers and invent devastating finishers ... This is why he is called "The Innovator" ... Considers himself the Albert Einstein of wrestling ... We suppose everything's relative ... His preferred finisher is the pink poodle ... Dropped a few pounds to enhance his mobility ... Rose to prominence in All Pro Wrestling, where he held the APW universal and Internet champi-

onships, and shared the tag team title with Vic Grimes ... Claims to be from Sicily ... His biggest career victory was over Nova ... Wrestled for Midwest Championship Wrestling in the past ... Began wrestling at age 16.

283 SCOTTIE WRENN

(6'4", 275, 6,

267) "The Ticking Time Bomb" is one of the most popular stars in NWA Wildside ... Enjoyed a long reign with Tank as Wildside tag team champions, from October 2002 to March 2003 ... They feuded with Dusty Rhodes' students, the 6'7" Non-Identical Twins, Jason and Chad Dobbins ... One encounter degenerated into a fistfight in a parking lot ... He and Tank lost the tag team title to Future Shock in a wild and bloody three-way ladder match ... Known for his ability to absorb a ton of punishment ... Finishes opponents with the psycho slam ... Wildside fans still talk about his fall off the top of a steel cage in March 2000.

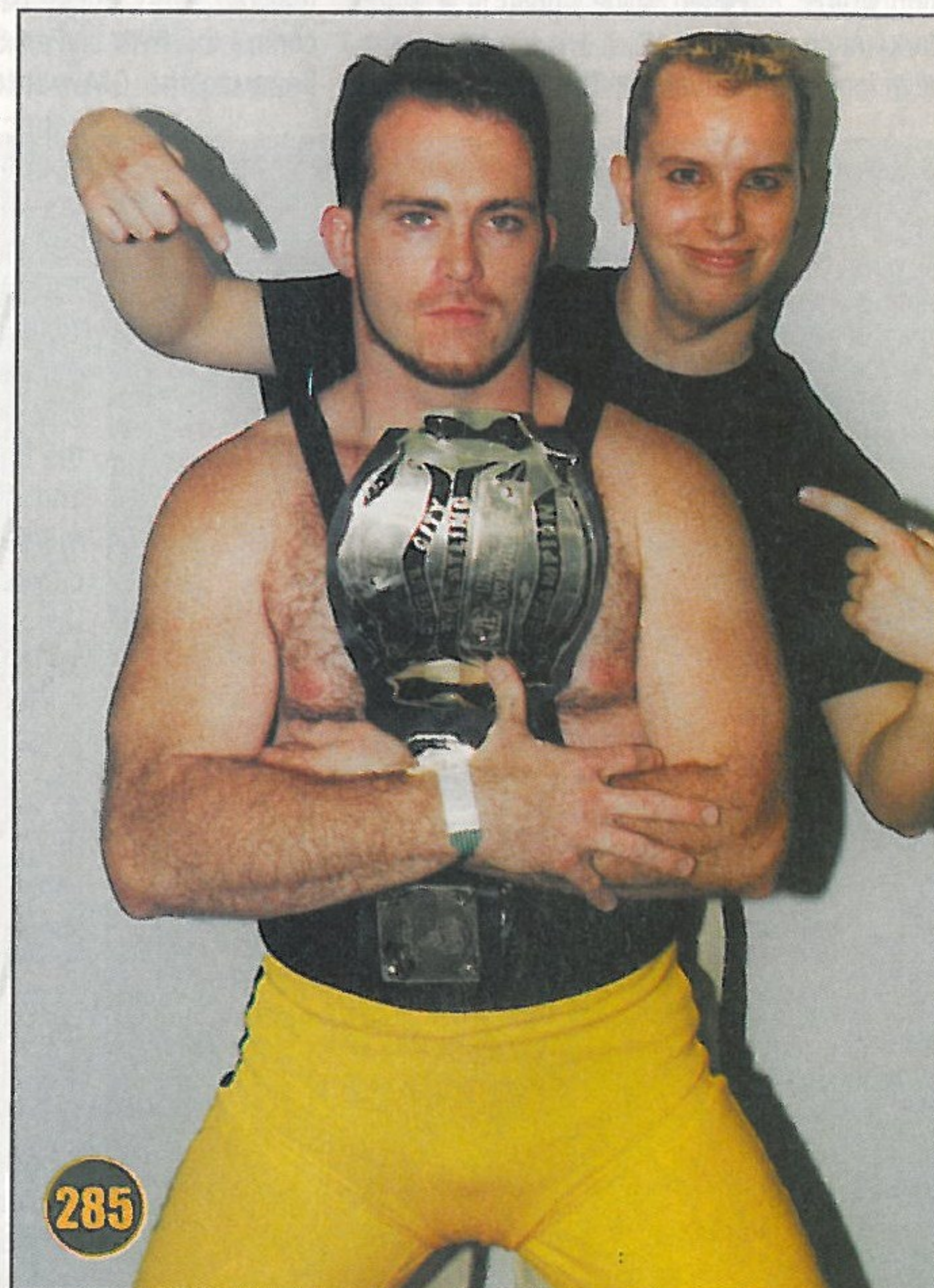
284 RICKY SANTANA

(5'10", 230, 21, NL) Incensed when Dominican wrestler Bronco turned against him in the World Wrestling Council ... Reunited with long-time friend Fidel Sierra and is seeking revenge ... He and Sierra are ri-

vals of Bronco's team, The Tahitians ... Feuded with Nene and Rico Suave, and emerged with the Caribbean and Puerto Rican titles ... Now defending the Puerto Rican flag despite the fact that he's from Cuba ... Former president of Proyecto 1, which is now defunct ... Once worked as an agent with WCW.

285 DENNIS GREGORY

(6'1", 222, 13, 254) A veteran of the Western Pennsylvania independent scene ... Spent the second half of 2002 trying to convince promoter Norm Connors that he was worthy of an International Wrestling Cartel title shot ... Scored several impressive victories before defeating Colt Cabana for the belt, but injured his knee during the match ... An injured Gregory lost the strap to Jimmy Vegas in an impromptu bout moments later ... Was out of action for four months ... Returned in March, getting a big win over Disco Inferno (Glenn Gilberti) ... Has remained undefeated ever since ... His hometown is Pittsburgh ... Trained in Peterboro, England, during his time in the U.S. Air Force.



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286 ONYX

(5'9", 217, 4, 235) Spent most of 2002 and early-'03 feuding with the former H-Cide, now known as Murder One ... His ringside dancing and chiseled physique have made him one of the most popular stars in NWA Wildside ... Powerslammed 600-pound Wildside champion Iceberg, but NWA Elite's interference prevented him from capturing the title ... Has wrestled on *NWA-TNA Xplosion* and in WWE dark matches ... Became a collegiate football star at Western Carolina University and went on to play in the Canadian Football League ... A former Wildside TV champ.

287 TREVOR RHODES

(6'4", 240, 4, 320) Competed as Stan Dupp of the Dupp brothers during a seven-week run on NWA-TNA ... Trained at the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... The top-rope bulldog is his finisher ... Hails from Austin, Texas ... Wrestled Yoshihiro Takayama and Jun Akiyama during a tour of Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Faced Wade Chism in a WWE dark match on March 17 ... His top opponents have included Jeff Jarrett, The Road Warriors,

Tracey Smothers, Haku, and the Harris boys ... Based in Missouri's World League Wrestling ... Has also competed in IWA Mid-South ... In addition to holding the WLW heavyweight championship, Rhodes has held the tag team title on two occasions with both Wade Chism and Bull Schmitt ... Lost to One Man Gang in his 1999 debut ... Strikes an amazing resemblance to Dusty and Dustin of the "other" Rhodes family.

288 SAVIO VEGA

(6', 245, 17, NL) Serves as general manager of the International Wrestling Association ... Reduced his in-ring schedule due to a serious neck injury ... Hasn't been the same since being injured in the WWF's "Brawl For All" competition several years ago ... Hired the masked Fenix (Ricky Banderas) to help him control the IWA ... Fenix turned against Vega because the GM wanted to control every aspect of his career ... Routinely hires mercenaries—such as Scott Hall, Midian, Primo Carnera III, The Harris Boys, The Shane Twins, and Abyss—to target Fenix, Ray Gonzales, Glamour Boy Shane, Victor the Bodyguard, Gran Apolo, and other supposed troublemakers ... Always at odds with IWA owner Victor Quinones ... Formerly known as TNT ... Dominated Steve Austin in a series of Caribbean strap matches in the mid-1990s ... Lives in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico.

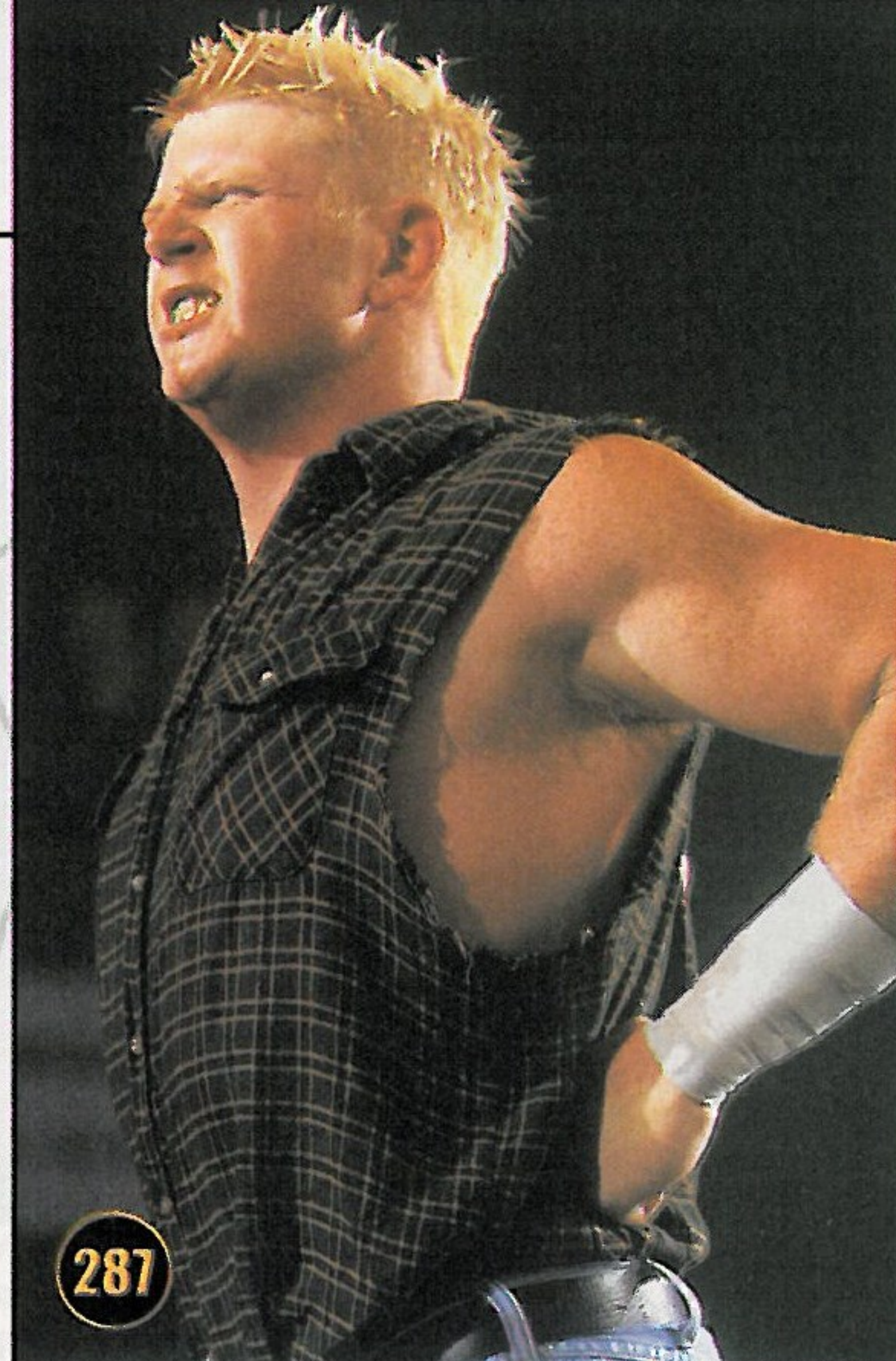
289 JOHN RAMBO

(6'4", 267, 14, 272) Competes in the National Wrestling League and House of Pain Wrestling Federation ... The NWA Pacific Northwest tag team and TV titles were among his first championships as a pro ... A former

high school All-American football star ... Trained by Samoan Afa and Rocky Johnson ... His signature move is a flying sidekick off the top rope ... Added the straddle legdrop, otherwise known as the bunker buster, to his repertoire ... Teams with Headshrinker Samu and Kevin Featherstone ... He and Featherstone captured the NWL tag team belts ... Became active in hardcore matches this year, especially barbed-wire bouts ... Participated in a grisly six-man barbed-wire match in April ... Suffered a broken thumb, dislocated shoulder, and broken rib this year ... Dominated King Kong Bundy in their long feud.

290 MASAAKI MOCHIZUKI

(5'10", 211, 10, 231) Once led the *rudo* version of the Toryumon stable called M2K, he has since restarted the group with some of the promotion's most popular stars ... Ousted from the original M2K by Tokyo Magnum ... That group is now known as Do-Fixer ... Intense rivalry with Magnum as well as CIMA and the Crazy MAX stable continues ... Fought Ultimo Dragon in his first match back from a five-year hiatus ... Lost his hair to CIMA two years ago ... Spent years on the Japanese independent scene before finally finding his niche among Ultimo Dragon's trainees ... Known for vicious strikes, in particular his hard, swift kicks to the chest and head ... Teams regularly with Dragon Kid, Araken, and Second Doi ... Signature move is his triangle kick, executed by running up the turnbuckles and twisting out to deliver an enzuigiri to a standing opponent.



291 BOBBY BLAZE

(6'1", 237, 15, NL) The current Championship Pro heavyweight titleholder ... Also holds the heavyweight title of the West Virginia-based All-Star Wrestling ... Based in the Mid-South ... Feuding with Rick Morton and Death Falcon in Mason-Dixon Wrestling ... Managed by "Classy" Roy Bass ... He and Bass, a former jockey, have formed the aptly named Jockeys' Club ... His no-release German suplex that he turns into a no-release Northern Lights suplex, followed by the Blaze buster (brainbuster), usually results in victory ... Also competes in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling ... Has competed in five countries, including seven trips to Japan and a tour for England's All-Star Wrestling ... Resides in Ashland, Kentucky ... His upset of Jerry Lawler for the Smoky Mountain title on February 26, 1995, stands as his greatest win ever ... That boosted him to a ranking of 109 in the 1995 "PWI 500" ... Wrestled in WCW in the late-1990s ... Once showered by the squeals of teenage girls, Blaze has become a grizzled veteran who is more willing to take shortcuts.

292 RICO CASANOVA

(6', 220, 10, 333) Wrestled Dory Funk Jr. protégé Brent Dail in a loser-wears-a-dress match at the World Wrestling Council's 29th anniversary show in Bayamon, Puerto Rico ... Smashed a mirror over the head of WWC junior heavyweight champ Eddie Colon after their match in Caguas ... Battled Drezden at the WWC-XWF Invasion

pay-per-view on October 20, 2002 ... Joined Ricky Santana, Fidel Sierra, Bronco, and Wilfredo Alejandro in a war against The Justice Army ... Feuding with Angel of Darkness in No Name Wrestling ... Defeated Hart "Dungeon" trainee Shane McClain in his Southeast Championship Wrestling Wrestling debut ... His finishers include the kiss of death and the Casanovator.

293 TANK

(6'2", 268, 7, NL) The "Sickle-Wielding Maniac" is a tough brawler ... He and Scottie Wrenn defeated

always accompanied by his life partner, Tammy Sytch ... Recently surfaced in Puerto Rico and has toured Japan this year ... Found a home in XPW this past year, along with Sytch ... Lost an XPW match to Justice Pain when Sytch turned against him ... A former NWA heavyweight champion who has also held many regional titles ... Should never be taken lightly, as he is still a formidable wrestler when he wants to be ... Might never shed the nefarious reputation he and Sytch acquired after leaving WWE, which would be a shame.

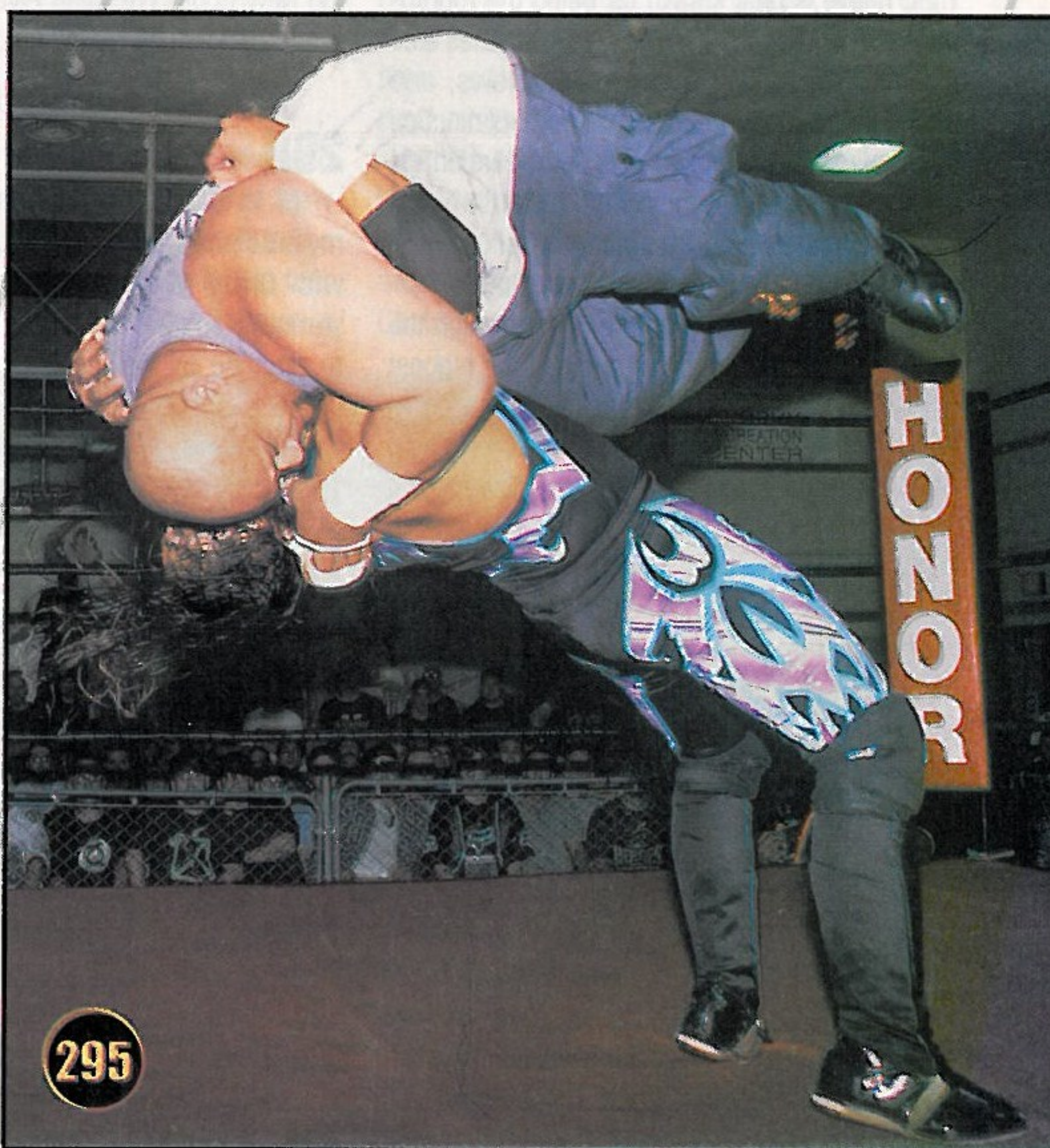
295 CHRIS DEVINE

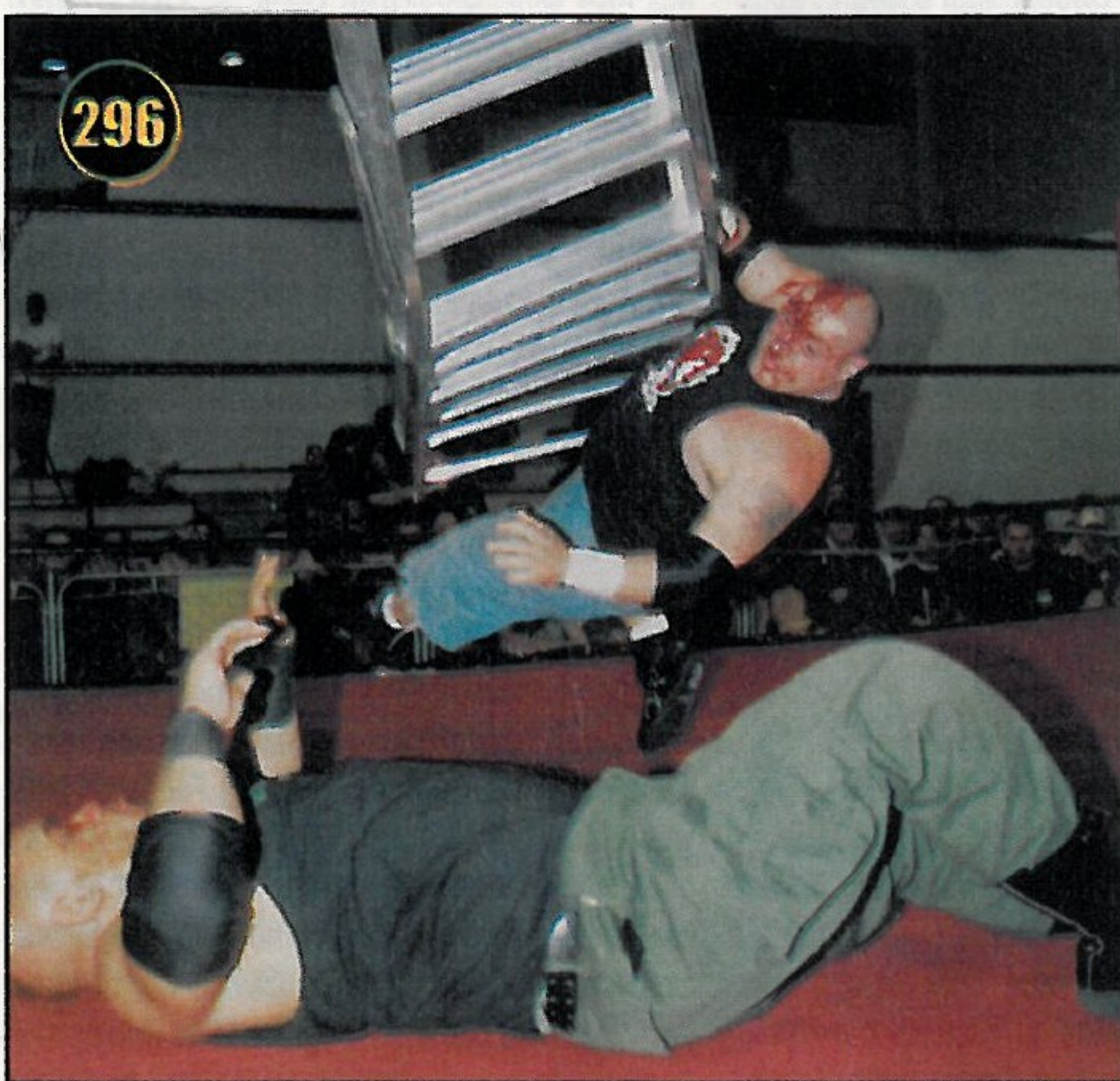
(5'8", 205, 4, 340) This Northeast standout recently returned to Puerto Rico for an extended tour and to visit his family ... Prior to that, he wrestled in several Northeast promotions, including Ring of Honor, the East Coast Wrestling Association, and the Premier Wrestling Federation, as well as NWA-TNA and NWA Wildside ... Frequently teamed with Quiet Storm this year in several promotions and gained most of his national exposure as one-half of the Devine Storm team ... Introduced the wrestling world to Trinity, but she has since left his side ... Trained by Mikey Whipwreck alongside the Spanish Announce Team and Red ... Pet finisher is the Texas cloverleaf ... Has held the PWF United States title.

ed CZW's Backseat Boyz and TNT, Shawn Michaels' students, en route to winning the NWA Wildside International Tag Team Invitational Tournament, and were awarded the Wildside tag team championship ... Tank and Wrenn dropped the title to Future Shock in March ... Later turned against Wrenn and defected to Al Getz Enterprises ... Incorporates his shootfighting skills into his wrestling repertoire ... Has competed in NWA-TNA, NWA Rocky Mountain, Combat Zone Wrestling, and Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling.

294 CHRIS CANDIDO

(5'8", 226, 13, 287) This former WWE blue chipper is still making a living for himself on the independent scene, but he doesn't get nearly the volume of positive press that he used to ... Almost





296 TONY DeVITO

(5'8", 230, 13, NL) The Newburgh, New York, native is best known for being the mouthpiece for Da Baldies in ECW ... Da Baldies also included Angel, Vic Grimes, P.N. News, and Skull ... That group has the dubious distinction of popularizing the staple gun as a weapon ... Regularly wrestles in indy promotions throughout the Northeast and teams with fellow ECW alumnus H.C. Loc in Ring of Honor as the Carnage Crew ... Toured with the WWF through the early 1990s where he faced some of the biggest names in wrestling ... Considers that period to be a major learning experience ... Learned to be tough to compensate for his smallish stature ... In addition to his brawling skills, DeVito also has an impressive moonsault he dusts off from time to time ... Worked as a part-time bouncer at the world famous Scores strip club ... DeVito has trained numerous wrestlers, including Xavier and J.P. Black ... Favors Phillie Blunts to fine Macanudo cigars.

297 JACEY NORTH

(6', 199, 4, 299) Lost the NWA Virginia State championship to Preston Quinn on September 21, 2002, after holding it for nearly a year ... Defeated Brother Love at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... No, not the WWF character played by Bruce Prichard—

it's a different one ... Wrestled both Jimmy Rave and Brother Love with the NWA junior heavyweight title at stake ...

His feud with Love spilled over to Mississippi's NWA Battlezone ... Formed Cutting Edge with Dagon Briggs in Georgia's NWA Wildside ... Managed by Seven ... He and Briggs have feuded with The Lost Boys and Future Shock ... After a string of losses, Cutting Edge have emerged as contenders for the Wildside tag team belts ... Defeated Sonny Siaki at an All Access Wrestling show in Lafayette, Louisiana ... Claims to be the

most unappreciated wrestler in the South ... Beat Joey Homegrown in his first appearance in the New South Wrestling Alliance's Triple-X division ... Known for his big mouth.

298 TARU

(5'11", 231, 6, NL) Dangerous ex-Yakuza member has found his home wrestling with Crazy MAX in Ultimo Dragon's Toriyumon group ... Sometimes accompanied to ringside by his mini-counterpart, Tarucito ... Incredibly precise kicks, especially to the groin, are the bane of the other Toriyumon wrestlers ... Usually teams with CIMA and Judo Suwa for trios matches ... Long feud with Stoker Ichikawa never seems to end ... Battles Do-Fixer, The Italian Connection, and M2K with his Crazy MAX stablemates ... Thick, mat-based grappler is one of the Toriyumon's few true heavyweights ... Pet move is the Taru driller, a version of the square driver.

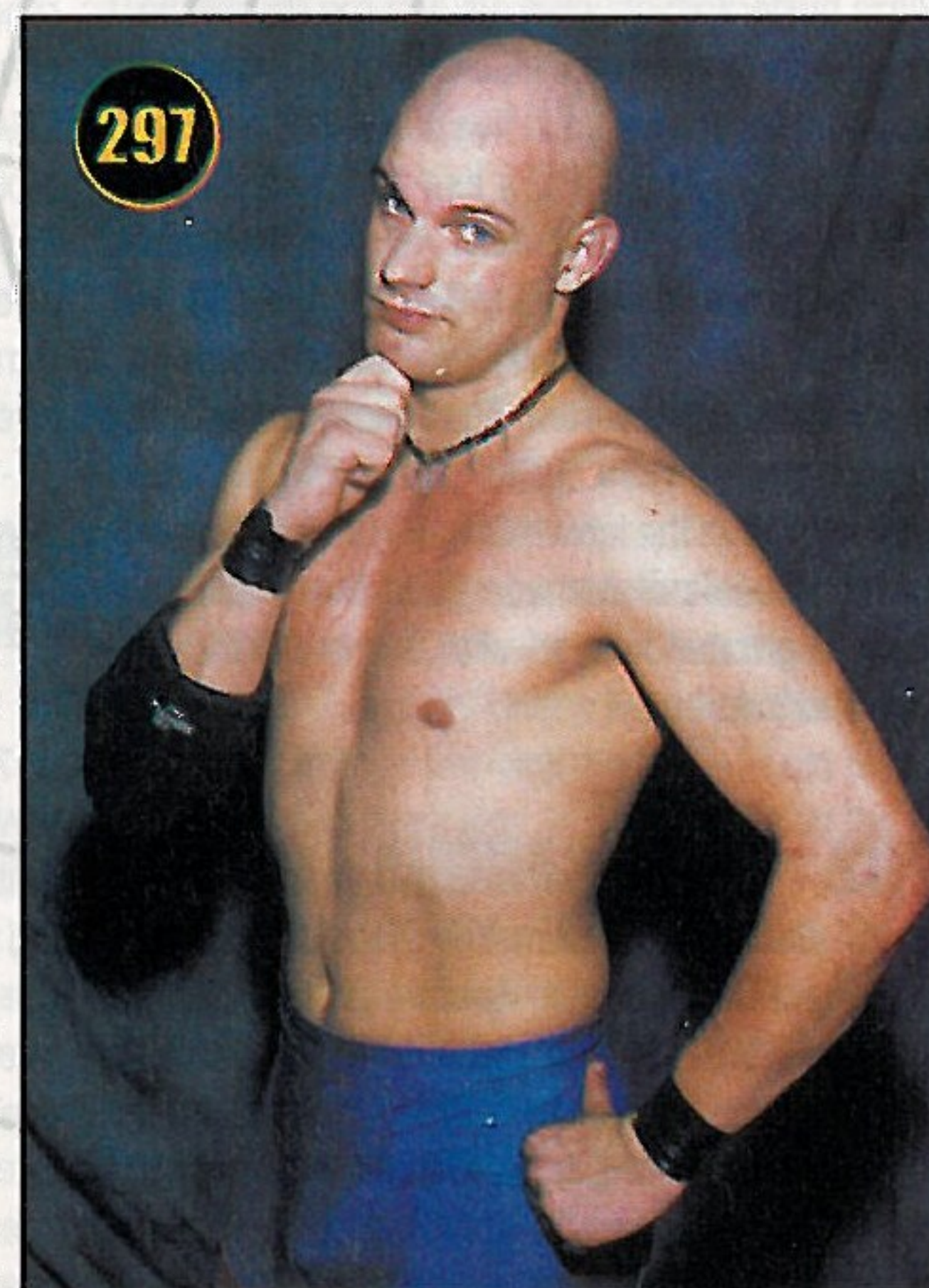
299 NIGEL McGUINNESS

(6'1", 220, 3, 291) This well-traveled grappler competes in the Midwest, Georgia, Florida, and England ... Hails from London ... Most active in the Heartland Wrestling Association and NWA Tri-State during the past

year ... The guvnor's crumpet is his finisher ... Divorced his manager, Tina Ambrose-McGuinness, whom he now calls a "fat wench" ... He and Human Time Bomb once held the HWA tag team title ... A former New Breed heavyweight champion ... Suffered a torn MCL ... Takes his trusty iron to all of his matches ... E.Z. Money might be his toughest opponent ever ... Defeated G.Q. Masters in his 1999 debut ... Capable of making a crowd love or hate him.

300 ANDRE BAKER

(5'9", 240, 23, NL) Elected to the NWA Board of Directors at the Alliance's annual convention in October of last year ... He is the commissioner of NWA U.K.-Hammerlock ... Began training in the martial arts at the age of eight ... Also trained in the famous "Snake Pit" wrestling gym in Wigan, England ... Made his long-awaited return to the ring in a long feud with Johnny Moss ... Teamed with Jim Neidhart to battle Moss and Sinn (Chris Champion) ... Called "Sledgehammer" ... The flip plancha is his finisher ... Resides in Ashford, Kent ... Pound-for-pound, considered the strongest man in British wrestling by many ... Has won various powerlifting competitions in South England ... His favorite maneuvers include the top-roped huracanrana and a devastating sunset flip into a power bomb to the arena floor ... Runs the U.K.'s most successful wrestling school, the Hammerlock School of Wrestling in Sittingbourne, Kent ... Wrestled Dan Severn to the longest match of his career under UFC rules.



301 ADAM WINDSOR

(6', 225, 2, NL) Dominates the Ocala, Florida-based Bang Wrestling as the Bang unified triple-crown champion ... The prize pupil of former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr. ... A native of Coventry, England ... Wrestled in WWE dark matches ... Also competed in Puerto Rico and Japan ... Teamed with Paul London to defeat Murder One and Rainman for the Bang tag team title at an NWA Wildside show ... He and Funk competed in the NWA Wildside Invitational Tag Team Tournament last October ... Battled New Japan's Osama Nishimura in a standout match for Bang Wrestling ... Windsor's family can be traced to legitimate British royalty ... That's why he is known as "The Royal Stud."

302 BOOMER PAYNE

(6', 251, 8, 290) Reduced his schedule in Pennsylvania to accept more dates in the Carolinas and Tennessee ... Formed Payne's Platoon and vowed to defeat the South in a new civil war ... Feuded with Section 8 for most of 2002 ... Battled Chief Jay Eagle in Tennessee ... Teams with Sonny Landell in North Carolina ... Long-time friend Jimmy Vegas is his partner in Pennsylvania ... Held the APW tag team title on two occasions ... Defeated A.J. Frost for that promotion's TV belt ... Feuding with The Camel Clutchers in APW ... Aided perennial foe Quinn Magnum at a Pro Wrestling Xpress show ... Became a fan favorite in some promotions ... Continues to reign as the International Wrestling Cartel high stakes champion ... Wrestled Bobby Eaton and Buddy Landell this year ... His finishing maneuver is the dishonorable discharge.

303 H.C. LOC

(5'9", 225, 7, 482) The former "Extreme Referee" of ECW has helped bring a hardcore edge to Ring of Honor, as well as several other Pennsylvania and New York-based indy promotions ... Trained at Cruncher's Gym in Elmira, New York ... Because of his smallish size, Loc learned how to brawl and scrap early in his career ... His first singles match was against a young Steve Corino in August 1996 ... After Loc put in a good showing at Dory Funk's training center in 1999, Funk convinced Tommy Dreamer to arrange a tryout for Loc in ECW ... He performed on nine ECW pay-per-view events from 1999 through

ECW's demise in 2001 ... Has wrestled dark matches for WWE ... In addition to ROH, competes in Penn-York Wrestling, World of Hurt, and Buffalo Championship Wrestling ... Lost to Rik Matrix in the finals for the vacant BCW Niagara Frontier heavyweight title in 2001 ... Has formed successful tag teams with fellow brawlers T.W. Sledge and DeVito ... Along with Sledge, Marcos, and Kevin Dunn (ROH's The Ring Crew), stretched *PWI* Senior Writer Dan Murphy in a 2002 "training session" in Rochester, New York.

304 HIROSHI HASE

(5'11", 226, 18, NL) All-Japan Pro Wrestling star rose to fame in the early-1990s in New Japan Pro Wrestling before being elected to the Japanese Diet and retiring from an active tour schedule ... Recently fought Atsushi Onita on a

WJ Pro card, which was the first wrestling match between two active senators anywhere in the world ... Widely believed to be behind the Keiji Muto defection from New Japan to AJPW ... Formed a championship team with Kensuke Sasaki years ago—Hase lost to Sasaki in a pivotal match before leaving to pursue politics ... Also held the IWGP tag title with The Great Muta on two occasions ... Wrestled for Stampede in Canada, where he fought the Hart brothers years ago ... Popped up in WCW from time to time, with his trademark yellow trunks and short mustache ... His uranage suplex, the golden arm bomber, puts all others to shame ... A judo master and amateur grappler ... His textbook Northern Lights suplex finisher is just as effective as ever.

305 JASON RUMBLE

(5'8", 210, 3, 296) After dropping in last year's *PWI* 500, Rumble tried to make up lost ground by touring throughout the eastern United States ... Captured the HVW and JCW junior heavyweight titles ... Reclaimed the NWA New England junior heavyweight belt after a long feud with Tommy Knoxville ... Made it to the final four of the NWA New England Super X, along with Knoxville, Tony Kozina, and Reckless Youth ... Continued his feud with long-time rival Rocky Reynolds ... The two set aside their differences to team in NWA-TNA for a short time ... Nicknamed himself "The Boston Bad Boy" to honor his mentor, Tony Rumble ... A member of the TWO with Beau Douglas and Kyle Storm for a while in NWA New England ... Wrestled Jonah of *Tough Enough III* ... Re-aligned with old friend and manager Vinnie Capelli to re-form The Brotherhood.



306 IKUTO HIDAKA

(5'9", 190, 5, NL) High-flying star of Michinoku Pro reminds many of a young Taka Michinoku ... Had a standout performance at the Michinoku 10th anniversary show against returning star Shoichi Funaki (of WWE) ... Sometimes teams with Dick Togo ... The two have teamed in the United States for a string of independent events on the East Coast ... Formed a successful tag team with Minoru Fujita in BattlArts and Michinoku before Fujita departed Japan to tour internationally in 2001, giving Hidaka a chance to develop as a singles wrestler ... Long feud with Tiger Mask IV helped him rise to prominence and resulted in a number of excellent matches ... Has a great leaping DDT ... Capable aerialist has a precision dropkick he can execute from virtually any position inside or outside the ring.



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307 DUSTY WOLFE

(5'11", 235, 21, 321) Lost the International Wrestling Federation title to Avalanche Tyler in a bloody brawl ... Has vowed to regain the belt at any cost ... Competes primarily in South Texas and is based in Brownsville ... In the past, this veteran journeyman has

competed in the WWF and WCW, in addition to appearing

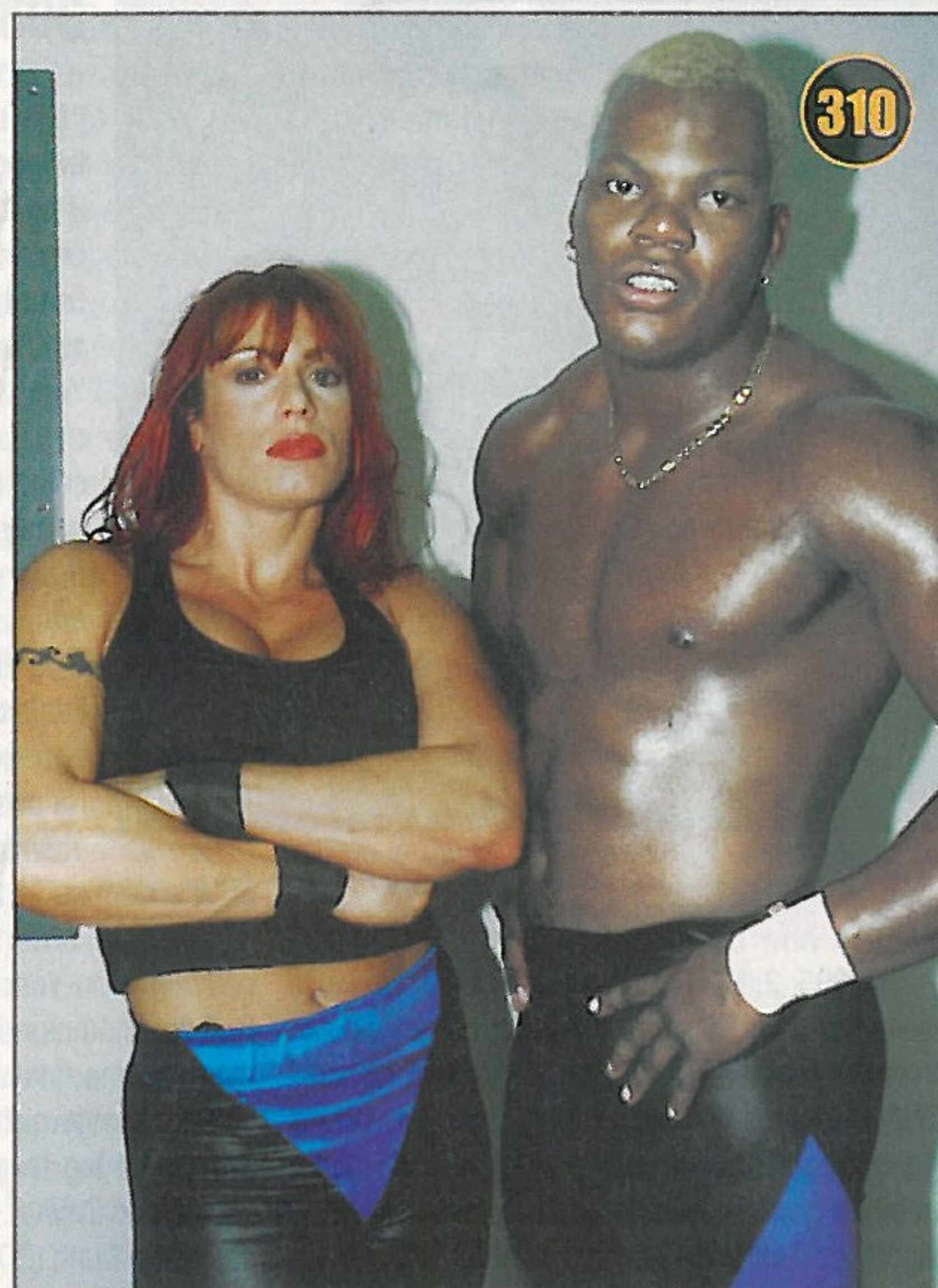
in places such as Japan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, South Africa, England, Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle East ... Calls himself "Playboy" ... Hails from Beverly Hills, California.

308 MIGUEL PEREZ JR.

(6'1", 241, 17, NL) Still struggling in the shadow of his famous father, Miguel Perez Sr. ... Now acts like he has a mental problem, constantly prodding himself to "focus, focus, focus" on his matches ... Held the International Wrestling Association tag team title on two occasions ... His partner, Abyss, defeated Perez to win the right to choose a sane teammate ... Disappeared from the IWA ... Later claimed to have been working as "Professor Michael Perez" at a university ... Seems more under control whenever he takes his medication ... Feuded with Andy Anderson (Lobo) ... Lives in Carolina, Puerto Rico ... Formerly a member of Los Boricuas in the WWF, in which he was often compared to a Wookie for his body hair ... A-Train's body hair has nothing on this guy's.

309 VANCE NEVADA

(5'11", 212, 10, 293) Logged 38,500 miles while meeting his engagements from coast to coast in Canada ... Opposed Bobby Rude and Eddie Watts in Real Action Wrestling, located on the Atlantic Coast ... Then ventured to the Pacific Coast, where he battled The Honky Tonk Man, Jim Neidhart, and American Dragon in NWA Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Feuded with Steve Rizzono in California's All Pro Wrestling ... Appeared in the short-lived Portland Wrestling and on indy shows throughout Washington ... A former heavyweight champion in Canada's Top Rope Championship Wrestling ... Known as "Mr. Beefy Goodness" ... Hometown is Brandon, Manitoba.



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310 SLYK WAGNER BROWN

(6'2", 220, 6, 355) The Kingston, Jamaica, native turned down an amateur wrestling scholarship in order to attend Killer Kowalski's pro wrestling school ... In fact, he watched classes at Kowalski's gym for 18 months before he was allowed to join at age 17 ... Brown was the captain of his high school football, wrestling, track and field, and basketball teams ... Made his pro debut in a battle in which he competed alongside Albert and Steve Bradley ... Wrestled his first singles match against Damon Darkangelo ... A fan of Shawn Michaels and Rick Rude, Wagner prides himself on both his impressive physique as well as his technical and high-flying skills ... Currently competes in WXW and several New England-based indy promotions ... Claims he has won "every title in New England" ... In addition to his appreciation bomb (seated power bomb) finisher, Wagner also uses his drop of xstacy (full-nelson seated slam), Slykslam (spinning sidewalk slam), and Slyksault (moonsault variation) ... Wrestled a WWF dark match against Mike Awesome and has appeared on NWA-TNA ... Currently managed by April Hunter ... Also appeared on WWF TV as a police officer who had to "arrest" The Undertaker ... He ended up eating a big boot for his efforts.

311 YOSHINARI OGAWA

(5'10", 239, 10, 63) Although generally thought of as a junior heavyweight, he managed to capture and hold the heavyweight title in NOAH, the Global Honored Crown, for a short span last year ... Upset Jun Akiyama to win the title, but was later destroyed by Yoshihiro Takayama in a lopsided match ... Hasn't been back in the title picture since ... Long-time tag partner and protege of Mitsuharu Misawa ... Held the junior heavyweight title three times during his days with All-Japan Pro Wrestling, where he spent most of his career ... Style mirrors Misawa's to a large extent, and he even makes use of many of Misawa's pet moves ... Best known for his combinations of lariats and jawbreakers.

312 J.R. RYDER

(6'3", 230, 7, 288) Competes primarily in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Managed by Sebastian Night ... Forced to wrestle mainly as a singles wrestler this year, due to the injury of his partner, J.J. Johnston ... They are known as The J-Team ... Attended a WWE



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tryout camp in Ohio Valley earlier this year ... Appeared on WWE television ... Also competed in NWA New Jersey and the Premier Wrestling Federation ... Came close to a breakthrough when he wrestled ECWA champion Scoot Andrews in a series of matches a couple of years ago ... Other tough opponents have included the Maximo brothers, American Dragon, and Low-Ki ... His highest-profile match to date pitted him against Canada's Principal Pound at the 2001 Brian Pillman Memorial Show ... One of the most physically intimidating wrestlers in the Northeast.

313 NAPHTALI

(5'11", 165, 4, 304) Defended his Florida unified cruiserweight title against W*nger at Korakuen Hall during a Big Japan tour in late-2002 ... Lost the belt to Justice in April ... Recognized as the longest-reigning IPW cruiserweight champion of all-time ... His entrance theme is "Badstreet USA" ... Beat Reckless Youth, Low-Ki, Tony Mamaluke, Billy Fives, Xavier, and W*nger during the past year ... Has held the IPW tag team title four times and the

NWA Florida tag championship on two occasions ... Became hated in the Sunshine State after ditching his high-flying style in favor of old school techniques ... Formerly known as Al Bino ... His finishers include the heart punch, the chicken wing, and the Binodriver '98, commonly known as a schoolboy.

314 AZRAEL

(6', 220, 6, 302) One-half of the Gothic duo known as The Lost Boys in NWA Wildside ... Teams with Gabriel ... Owes much of his success to The Sinister Minister (Jim Mitchell), who managed The Lost Boys early in their careers ... The popular pair feuded with TNT during the past year ... Capable of executing lethal kick combinations ... Enjoys sickening amounts of pain

... He and Gabriel battled The Hate Club, The Backseat Boyz, The S.A.T., and the Briscoe brothers in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Also competed for Dusty Rhodes' Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling in Georgia, and Dory Funk Jr.'s Bang Wrestling in Florida ... Appeared on NWA-TNA Xplosion ... Nicknamed "The Angel Of Death."

315 GABRIEL

(6'1", 212, 1, 307) He and Azrael are known as The Lost Boys, one of the most popular teams in NWA Wildside ... The Lost Boys feuded with TNT, Shawn Michaels' students, during the past year ... Has held the Wildside tag team title ... Also competed for Combat Zone Wrestling, Turnbuckle Championship Wrestling, and Bang Wrestling ... Very wild and unpredictable, and often goes into chair-throwing fits ... A reckless high-flyer ... His morbid promos have become a staple of Wildside's nationally syndicated program ... One disturbing promo got CZW in trouble with a UPN affiliate in Roanoke, Virginia ... Known as "The Archangel" ... Also appeared on NWA-TNA Xplosion.



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316 GRAN HAMADA

(5'4", 190, 32, 203) Legendary Japanese junior heavyweight has outlasted almost all of his contemporaries and is still active today at age 53 ... Former star of New Japan, Universal, Michinoku Pro, and others is now a regular with All-Japan Pro Wrestling ... Looking for a title shot against junior heavyweight champ Kendo Ka Shin ... Daughter Ayako is an incredibly successful women's wrestler, and the two even won an intergender tag tournament together ... Recently held the Apex of Triangle title with Tiger Mask IV and Great Sasuke ... Even fought the original Tiger Mask in his prime, some 20 years ago ... Known for his powerful headbutts ... Originator of the Hama-chan, an Ace crusher from the turnbuckles ... Has held scores of welterweight and lightweight titles all over the globe ... Has one of the sport's best huracanranas.

317 DON MONTOYA

(5'10", 297, 8, 289) Wrestles primarily throughout the Northeast, but has also appeared in Michigan, Texas, and Tennessee ... Calls himself "The King Of Maine" and promises to dominate Maine Event Wrestling ... Montoya, Mike Quackenbush, and Reckless Youth comprise The Black T-Shirt Squad ... Although Montoya is a heel in Maine, he's a fan favorite in Chikara ... The current Pittsburgh freeweight champion ... Regained a lot of the weight he had lost in 2001-'02 ... His toughest opponents include Quackenbush, Brian Christopher, Chris Hero, C.M. Punk, and Colt Cabana ... Joined Quackenbush and Reckless in an East vs. Midwest feud with Hero, Punk, and Cabana ... Received several warnings from members of the Maine State Athletic Com-

mission when he pretended to be a male stripper before several of his matches ... Still remembered for a stunt in Detroit in which he took a daredevil dive off a loudspeaker and sent his hapless foe crashing through a table ... In his low point of the past year, he and manager Paul Adams lost to Mae Young and Fabulous Moolah in Portland, Maine.

318 INFERNO

(6'4", 230, 11, 284) Devoted much of the past year to teaming with Ruffhouse Rivera in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... He and Rivera began wearing big fuzzy dice, which became popular among the fans ... The dice were stolen by Billy Bax and Rob Eckos ... Inferno and Rivera recovered their property in a "fuzzy-dice-on-a-pole" match ... A consistent ECWA performer for the past 11 years ... Recently lost the Jersey Championship Wrestling title ... Wrestled on WWE television ... Also competed in World Xtreme Wrestling and the Millennium Wrestling Federation ... Just as well-known in New Jersey as in Delaware ... His toughest opponents have included Justin Credible, Billy Gunn, Slyk Wagner Brown, Reckless Youth, Devon Storm, and Simon Diamond ... Has competed in Puerto Rico, Honduras, Cuba, and Alaska ... Once appeared on *Shipwrecked*, a UPN reality series ... Formerly known as The Inferno Kid ... His lanky frame has drawn some comparisons to Barry Windham.

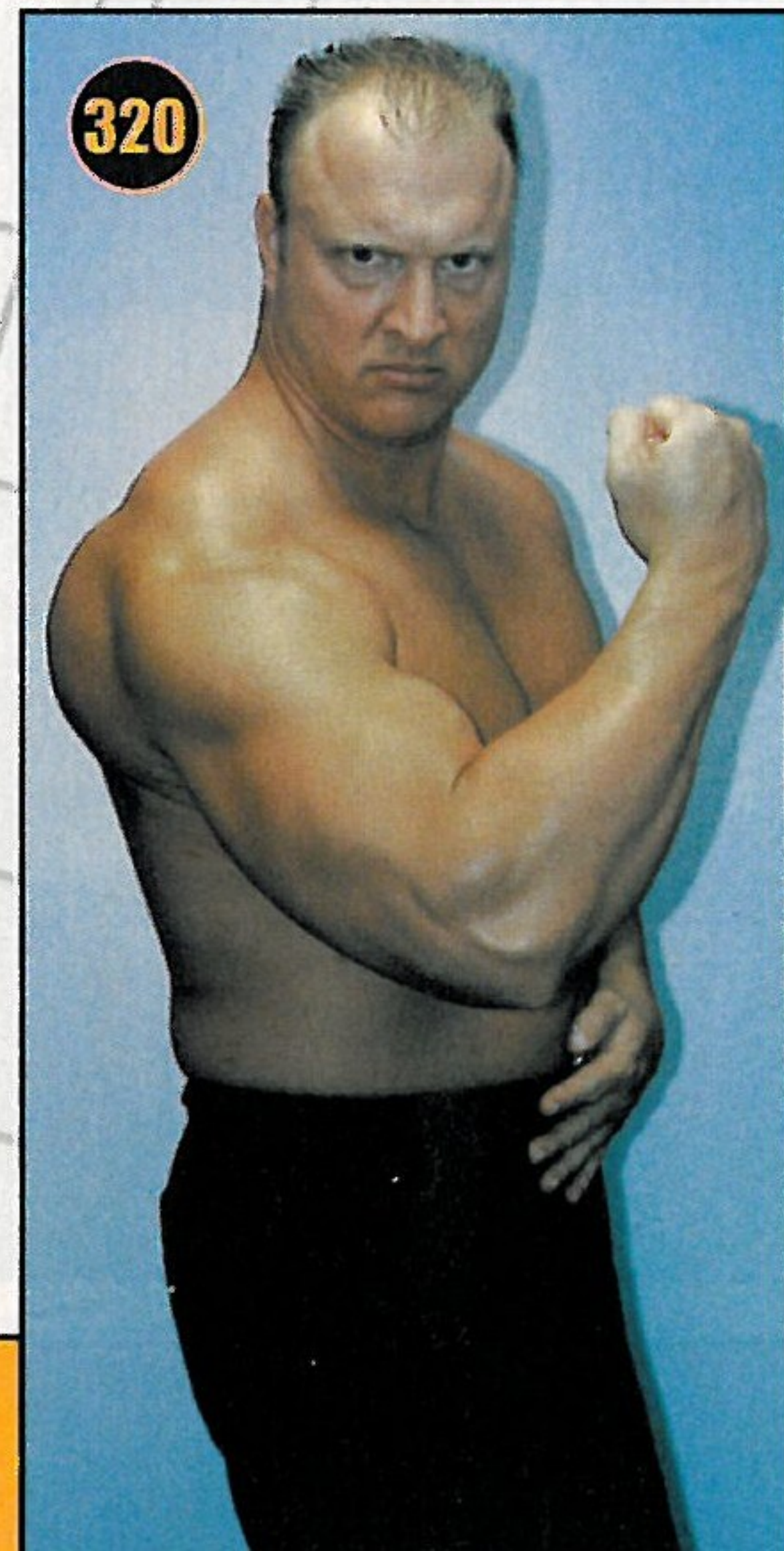
319 QUINN MAGNUM

(6'5", 271, 7, 300) Held the NWA North American title ... Hampered by a partially torn ACL for much of the year ... The nagging injury was a factor in his title loss to long-time rival Paul Atlas, but the fact that three men interfered in the match probably had more to do with it ... Won the CWF Mon-Valley title in only 38 seconds ... Defeated Dennis Gregory for the NLW belt ... Captured the brass knuckles belt from new bitter rival Scottie Gash, becoming the first man to hold every NWA East title ... Ventured from his hometown of Pittsburgh to compete in South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Ken-

tucky ... Fought alongside former Pittsburgh rival Boomer Payne when the two men became targets in South Carolina's American Pro Wrestling ... Payne returned the favor by helping Magnum in NWA East ... Wrestled his cousin Dirk Ciglar in a singles match for the first time this year ... His finishing maneuver is the .44 Magnum, a fireman's carry into an inverted power bomb.

320 MAXX JUSTICE

(6'5", 300, 10, 303) His most memorable match to date was against Mitsuharu Misawa during a Pro Wrestling NOAH show on November 18 in Kobe, Japan ... Added bulk to his already massive frame, making his moonsault off the top rope all the more impressive and devastating ... Dominated Tommy Drake, Vito Thomaselli, and Bison Smith ... Still struggling with a hip he injured during a May 2002 bout against Smith ... Two steel plates were placed around his hip for protection, and he missed five months of action during the past year ... Based in California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Suffered a torn biceps a few years ago, which derailed his WWE prospects at the time ... Has also wrestled for WCW, Chicago's MCW, Louisiana's UPW, and Missouri's MRW ... Hails from St. Louis ... Nicknamed "La Migra" ... Has held the All Pro universal title ... Lost to Kendo Nagasaki at a Global Wrestling Federation show in his 1993 debut ... Trained by Ric Thompson and Michael Modest.

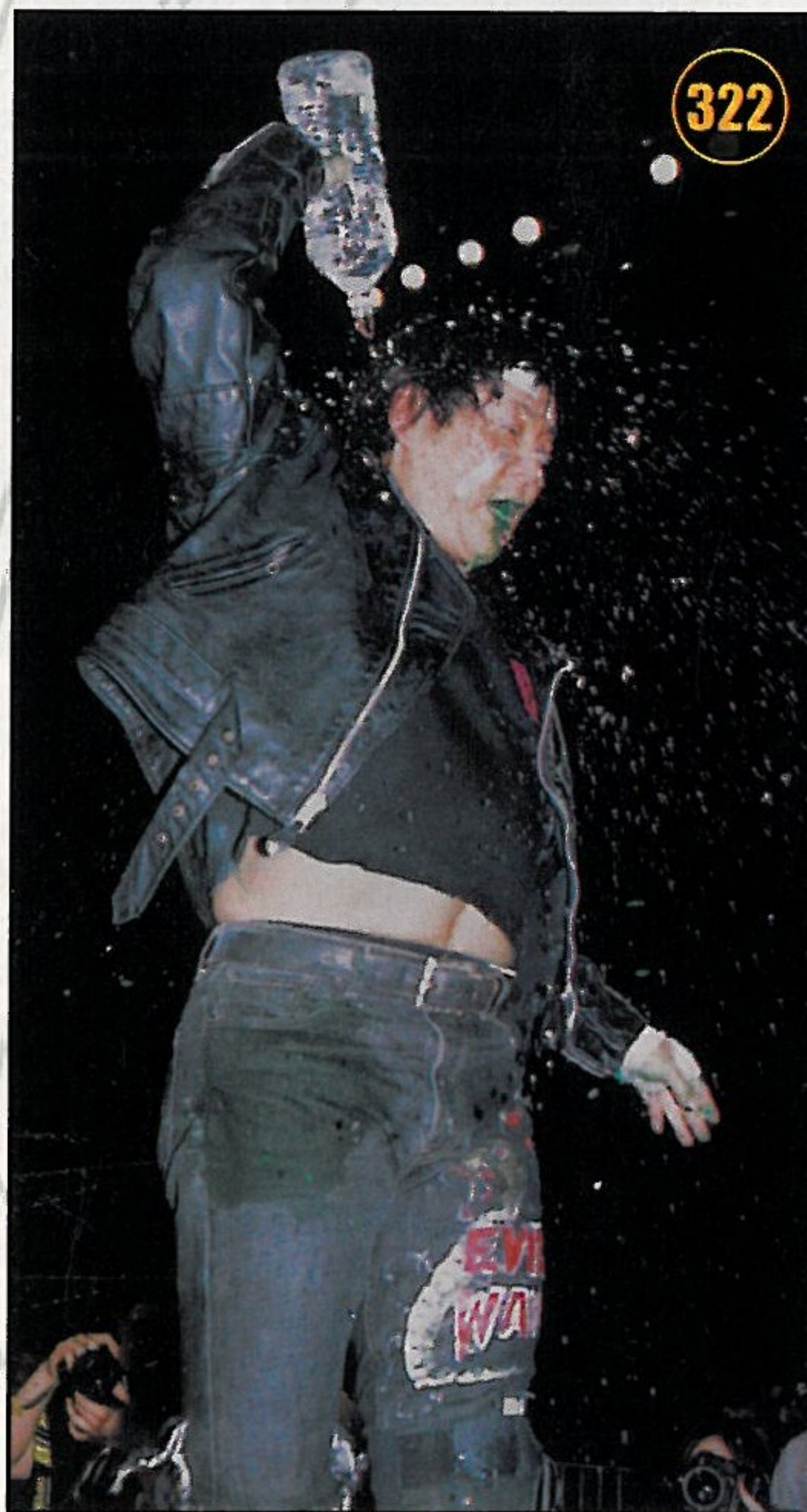


321 AFA JR.

(5'11", 245, 3, NL) The current World Xtreme Wrestling heavyweight titleholder ... Son of Afa Anoa'i Sr., who gained fame as one-half of The Wild Samoans and a three-time WWF tag champ ... Has also held every other WXW championship, including the cruiserweight, tag team, TV, and hardcore titles ... Formed The Sons of Samoa with his older brothers, Samu and L.A. Smooth, to battle the hated Team Xtreme ... His finishers are the frog splash and Rock bottom ... Competes primarily in his home state of Pennsylvania ... Nicknamed "The Samoan Storm" ... Won in his debut at age 16 in Vienna, Austria ... Has gained quite a bit of musculature since turning pro ... Currently a football star at Bethlehem Freedom High School ... Considered one of the better defensive linemen in Eastern Pennsylvania ... Made a verbal commitment to play football at the University of Pittsburgh.

322 ATSUSHI ONITA

(5'9", 229, 29, NL) "Mr. Liar" splits his time between his duties as a senator in the Japanese



Diet and on tours with Riki Choshu's new WJ Pro group ... Started his career as a junior heavyweight star, but began retiring in the 1980s ... Retired several times since then ... Rose to fame with the FMW group, for which he became the top heavyweight star ... Feuds with Tarzan Goto and Hayabusa that usually ended in violent exploding cage death matches made him a cultural icon in Japan ... Even popped up in ECW a few times ... Has wrestled for New Japan and All-Japan during his long career ... Chain-smoking habits have gotten so out of hand that he will actually smoke on his way to the ring now ... Known for his leaping DDT and thunder fire bomb ... Fought Hiroshi Hase in the first match between active senators this year ... Finisher is usually a fireball to the face or the use of some other foreign object.

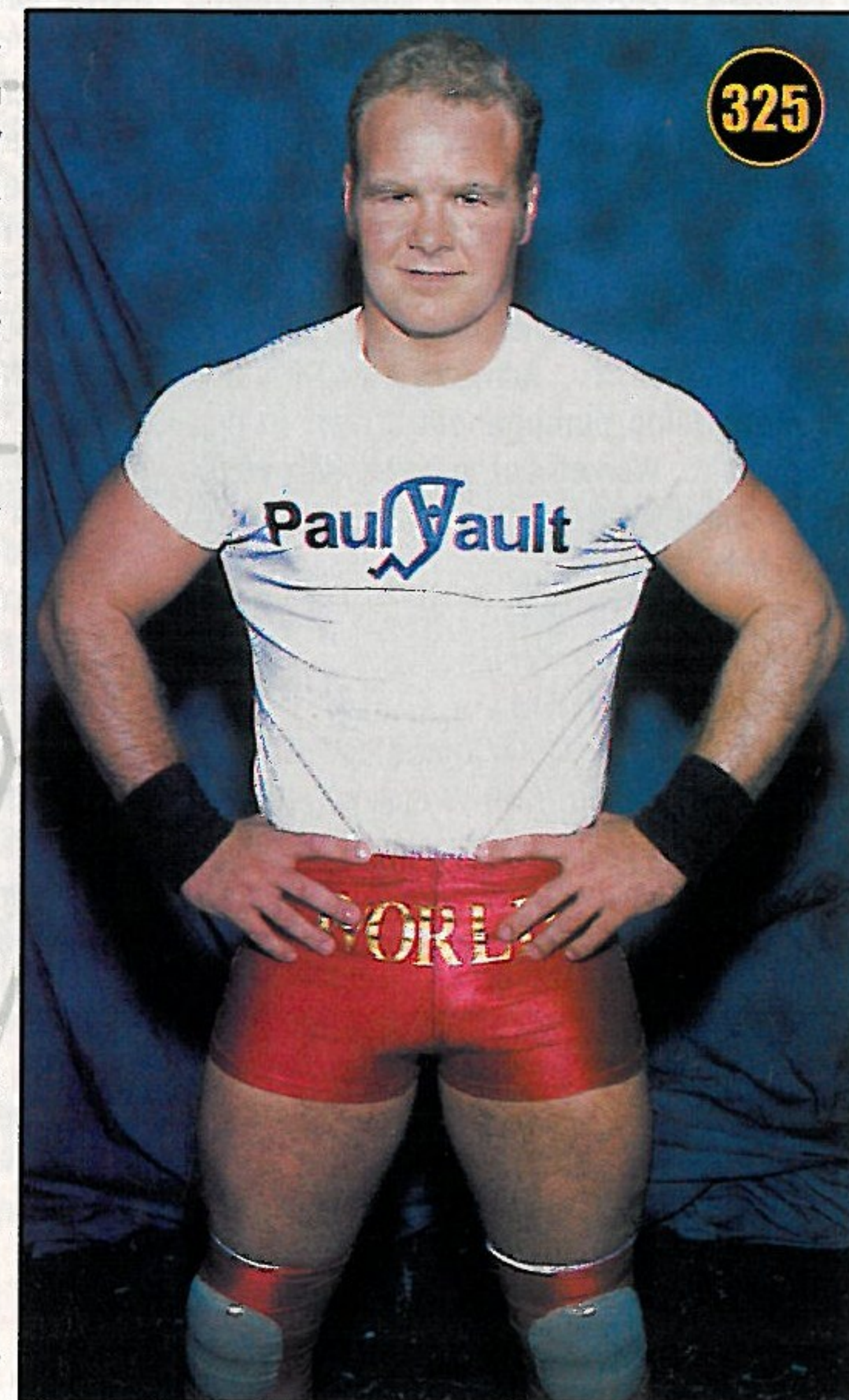
323 LASH LeROUX

(5'10", 225, 5, 295) Still wrestles semi-regularly throughout the Southeast ... Reduced his schedule even further this year, as he has made more time for his private career and his artwork ... LeRoux's cartoons can be seen in *The Wrestler* ... His last high-profile stint was in NWA-TNA last year ... Has shed a few pounds recently and is stepping up his game for a possible stint in WWE ... Very charismatic ... Nicknamed "The Ragin' Cajun" ... His finishing maneuver is the whiplash ... Held the WCW cruiserweight title ... Studied pre-med before trying out at the WCW Power Plant ... Only in his mid-20s, LeRoux vows to make a full-fledged comeback someday.

324 TOMMY DIABLO

(5'6", 200, 3, NL) Defected from the International Wrestling Association to the World Wrestling Council ... Held the WWC junior heavyweight title ... Battled Eddie Colon, Brent Dail, and Alexander Montalvo ... Jumped back to the IWA, where he beat rookie Noriega for that promotion's junior heavyweight belt ... Now calls himself "Mr. San Juan" ...

His *la endiablada*, in which he walks from rope to rope to execute an inverted suplex, is visually amazing ... Could become a serious force in Puerto Rico if he can stay put in one promotion.



325 PAUL VAULT

(5'10", 218, 5, NL) Defeated Majik in October 2002 to become the second NWA U.K. junior heavyweight champion ... Appeared as a special guest on the British version of *The Weakest Link*, won the competition, and was awarded 10,000 pounds (more than \$16,000 in U.S. dollars) ... Befriended former Mr. Universe Shaun Davis on the program, and Davis became his ringside enforcer and later his tag team partner ... His hometown is Stoke-on-Trent, England ... The poleaxe is his finisher ... He and Davis defeated the scheming duo of Danny Garnell and Jon Ryan in March ... Traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, for a match against David Young in NWA-TNA ... Uses his gymnastics background to his advantage, executing many high-risk moves, including a beautiful moonsault ... Has won numerous pole-vaulting championships throughout Europe ... Was a semifinalist on ITV's *Gladiators* ... Considered one of the most popular and fan-friendly stars in U.K.-Hammerlock.

326 BIGGIE BIGGS

(6'4", 267, 6, NL) Defeated Preston Quinn at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... Captured the Independent Wrestling Federation, National Wrestling Superstars, and NWA New Jersey titles ... Competes throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia ... Formed The Dark Horsemen in NWA Virginia and NWA Impact ... Nicknamed "All That" ... His finisher is the Bigg bang, a sit-out choke-slam ... Introduced the DNA driver, a spinning pumphandle driver, to his repertoire ... Worked out in dojos with WWE talent scout Tom Prichard ... Trained by "Iron" Mike Sharpe.

327 JUGGERNAUT

(6'4", 380, 6, 328) Competes in POW, Stampede Wrestling, NHB Wrestling, and the HWC ... Battled Sabu in a violent 20-minute match at a No Holds Barred show ... His hometown is Cranbrook, British Columbia ... Teams



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with Apocalypse in Stampede Wrestling ... They are the top contenders to the International tag team title, held by Bruce Hart and T.J. Wilson ... He and Apocalypse already hold many non-title victories over the duo ... Has wrestled in more than 100 matches since August 2002 ... Now uses the Juggerspike, a modified Rikishi driver, as his finisher ... Wrestled Dr. Luther in perhaps the best match in the history of Saskatchewan's Pro Outlaw Wrestling ... One of the most popular wrestlers in Canada ... Stripped of the PWF Xtreme title for not defending it enough ... Starting to employ some of the judo and jujitsu techniques he has learned during 13 years of martial arts training.

328 GENKI HORIGUCHI

(5'7", 181, 5, 245) Fun-loving surfer in the Toryumon turned his back on the fans last year, and has found greater success since becoming a *rudo* ... Made an impressive showing in this year's El

Numero Uno Tournament, but lost in the finals to heavy favorite CIMA ... Had a breakout year as a singles performer, but still appears in multiple-man tags, which is the preferred match type of Toryumon ... A former NWA welterweight champion ... One of Ultimo Dragon's most impressive proteges ... Teams with Tokyo Magnum in the Do-Fixer stable, formerly known as M2K ... Still brings his surfboard to the ring every so often ... Feuds with Masaaki Mochizuki's new M2K and the Crazy MAX stable ... Displays his superior balance when executing his double-jump moonsault press ... Finishing move is the beach break reverse piledriver.

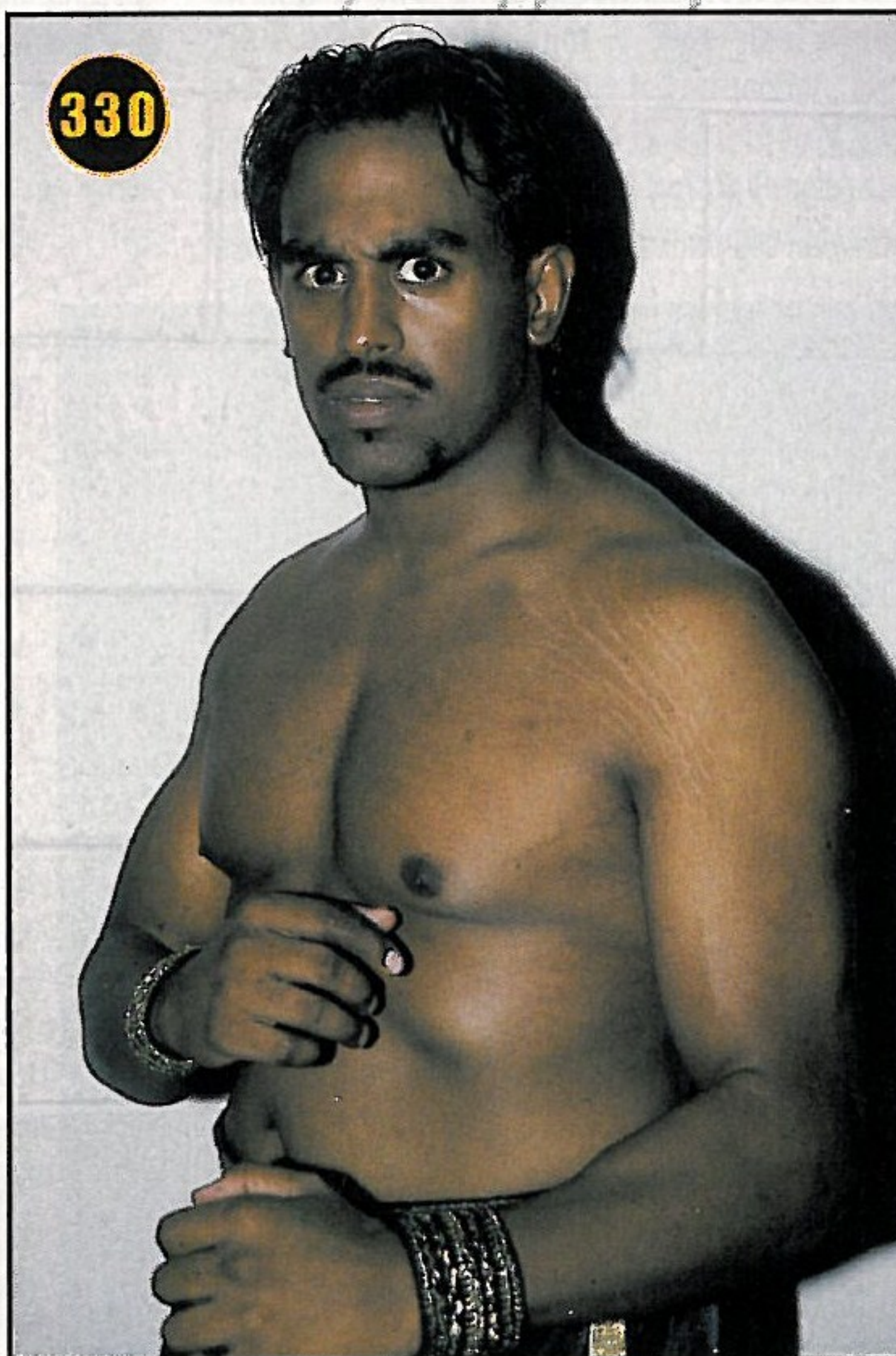
329 TONY STRADLIN

(6'2", 207, 2, NL) His in-ring ability should please his mentor, Shawn Michaels, but his attitude is a differ-

ent story ... After he and fellow Michaels trainee Todd Sexton—collectively known as TNT—beat the Briscoe brothers for the NWA Wildside tag team title, they turned their backs on the fans ... Stradlin, in particular, became a glory hound and blamed Sexton when they lost the belts to Scottie Wrenn and Tank ... Dropped a loser-leaves-Wildside match to Sexton last December ... Moved to the West Coast, where he's residing in Los Angeles and competing for Ultimate Pro Wrestling.

330 TIGER KHAN

(5'9", 220, 5, 318) This young veteran has competed all over the world, making him a modern-day journeyman ... Competes as one-half of the United Nations with The Prophet in Phoenix Championship Wrestling ... Has held



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the PCW tag title ... Wrestles primarily in the Northeast, but recently toured Europe ... A Bombay, India, native ... Had a memorable feud with Xavier in Northeast Wrestling that many say showcased breakout performances for both of them ... Signature moves include the Tiger bomb, the Bombay jam legdrop, the cobra clutch, and multiple moonsaults ... Has also competed in Stampede Wrestling in Calgary.



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331 MIKE KRUEL

(5'9", 205, 3, 404) Competes in Phoenix Championship Wrestling, NWA Tri-State, the East Coast Wrestling Association, and USA Pro Wrestling ... Invited to OVW tryouts in February ... His finishing hold is the Krue intentions armbar ... Feuded with Frankie Kazarian and Chi Chi Cruz ... Accompanied by Becky Bayless in USA Pro ... His hometown is New York City ... Nicknamed "The Shooter" and "Modern-Day Warrior" ... Formerly known as Kid Krue ... Trained by his father, Bodyguard For Hire, who appeared in ECW and other Northeast independents ... Has won several New York State amateur wrestling championships ... Once held the USA Pro tag team title with mentor and rival Little Guido Maritato (Nunzio) ... Featured in "Introducing" in the July 2003 issue of *The Wrestler*.

few matches, intending to mold him into one of the top super heavyweights in the United States ... Doesn't care whether he's a fan favorite or a heel ... Has feuded with Tom Brandi for more than two years ... Still demands that referees make a five-count before he lets his opponents up ... Hails from Atlantic City, New Jersey ... Lost to WWF World champion Hulk Hogan in a steel cage at WrestleMania II ... Remains one of the most recognizable stars in wrestling ... Competes primarily in the Northeast.

334 KEVIN NORTHCUTT

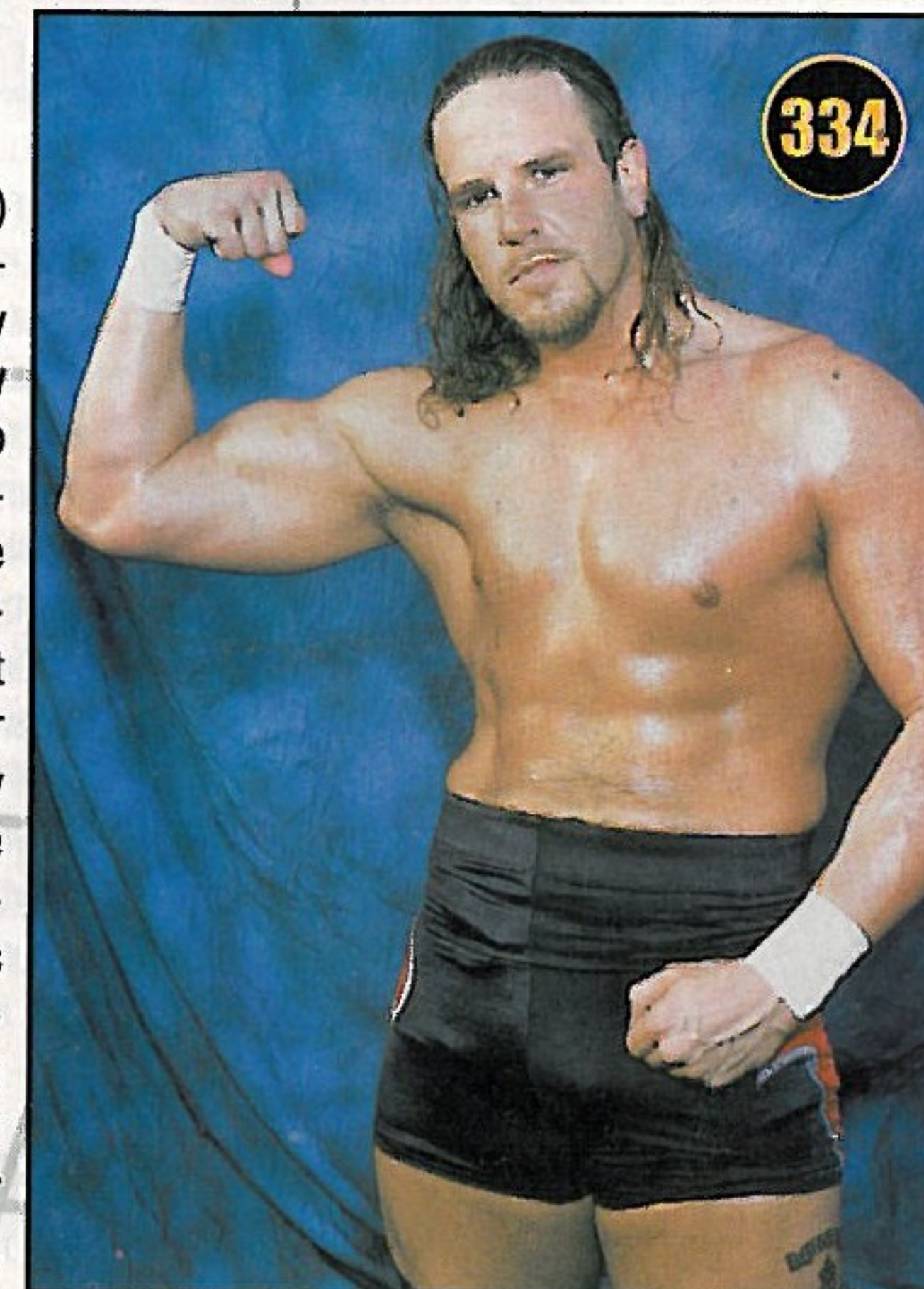
(6'6", 275, 9, NL) Feuding with Sonny Siaki and A.J. Styles in Louisiana's All Access Wrestling ... Percy Pringle is in his corner for those singles matches ... Reigned as NWA Battlezone

332 TODD SEXTON

(6'1", 215, 2, NL) Trained at the Shawn Michaels Wrestling Academy ... Teams with fellow trainee Tony Stradlin to form TNT ... He and Stradlin defeated the Briscoe brothers for the NWA Wildside tag team title last November ... Had a bitter split with Stradlin after they lost the belts to Scottie Wrenn and Tank ... Stradlin blamed him for the loss ... Pinned Stradlin in a loser-leaves-Wildside match in December ... Feuded with Jimmy Rave and Air Paris in singles competition after that ... Competed in several WWE dark matches ... His finishers are the superkick and the spinning top-rope neckbreaker, which is called the gamebreaker ... Has held the Wildside tag team championship a total of three times.

333 KING KONG BUNDY

(6'4", 446, 22, 275) Few big men have competed so fiercely for so long ... Has suffered several injuries as of late, causing him to miss a lot of action ... Coached Malice in a

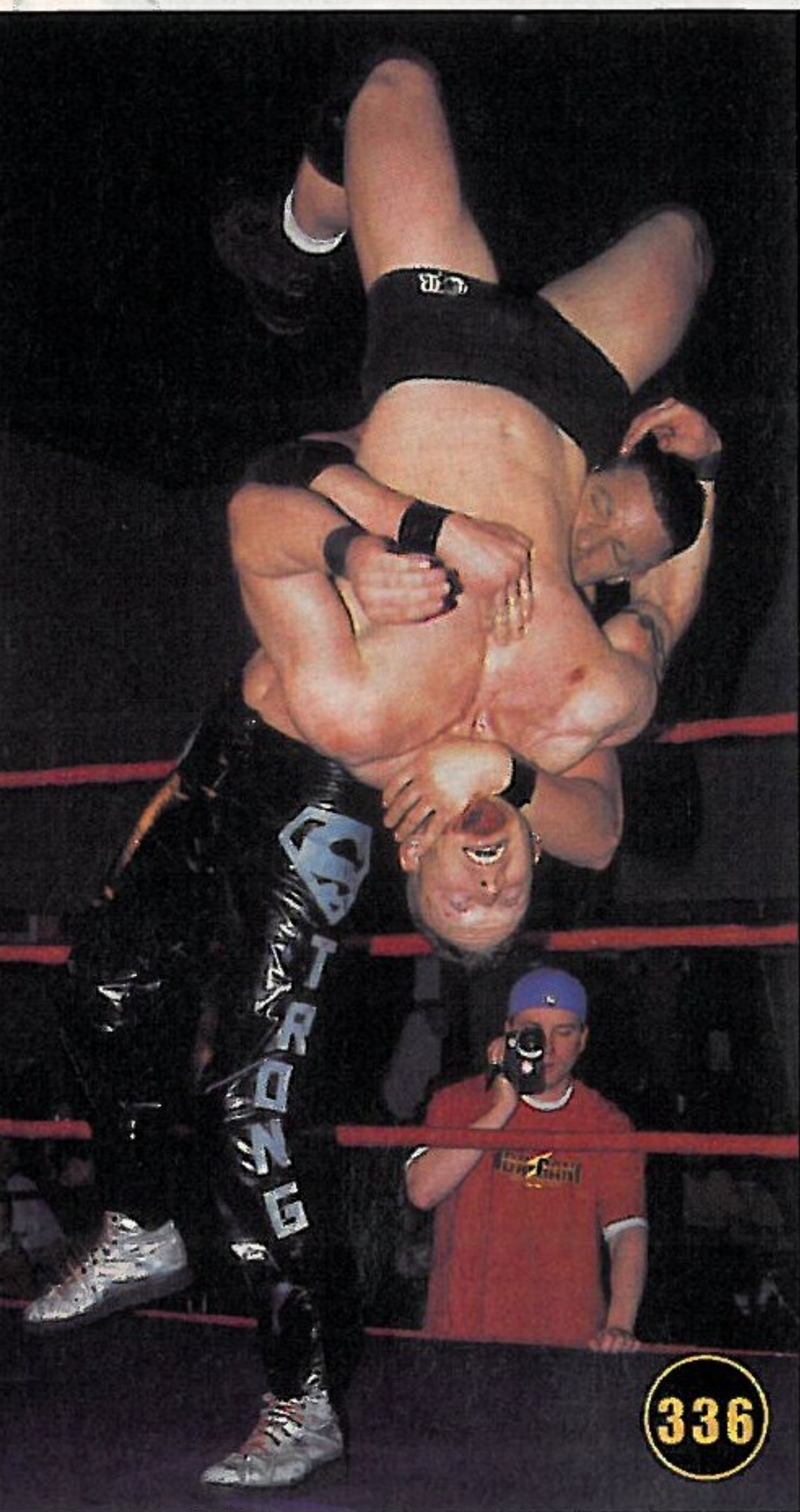


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champ from November 2002 to May 2003, when he lost it to Joey C ... Co-holder of the NWA Southern tag team title with John Saxon ... They are known as The New Orleans Fight Club ... The team is managed by Danielle ... Defeated Terry Taylor to be crowned the first-ever New South Wrestling Alliance champion ... His most persistent challenger is Rod Price, whom he's battling in the NSWA, along with other promotions in Louisiana and Mississippi ... Dropped out of the "PWI 500" last year ... Intimidates opponents with his size ... Possesses superior conditioning for a big man ... Formerly under contract to WCW ... Has toured South Africa, India, and Malaysia ... A former NWA National champion.

335 THE STRO

(6'1", 250, 14, NL) Won the Atlantic Coast Championship Wrestling title in a 15-man battle royal in Wilmington, North Carolina ... Captured the WCEW belt in a four-way match also involving Rick Morton, Bobby Eaton, and Bo Dupp ... Best known as The Maestro in WCW ... Regularly competes in the Mid-Atlantic independents now, which is where he's spent most of his career ... His finishers include the DDT, death-grip slam, and STF ... A former national USA freestyle/Greco-Roman champion ... Trained for a career in the pro ranks by Nelson Royal, Gene Anderson, and Ivan Koloff ... Currently resides in Jacksonville, North Carolina ... Claims to be related to the original Gorgeous George.



336 SEDRICK STRONG

(6'2", 200, 3, NL) He and his brother, Roderick, lost the IPW tag team title to Scoot Andrews and Mike Sullivan inside a steel cage in September 2002 ... It has been described as the bloodiest match in IPW history ... The Strong brothers hold victories over Wrongful Death and The Backseat Boyz ... Roderick turned against him and joined The Alliance of Defiance ... Lost to Chance Beckett in the opening round of the 2003 Super 8 ... Hails from New Orleans ... Wrestled in an NWA-TNA dark match ... His finishers include the super diamond dust and the Strong hold ... Expected to emerge as one of Florida's top singles stars in the coming year.

337 BRANDON K

(5'10", 202, 5, 312) This mainstay with NWA East—based in Pittsburgh—extended his travels this year, most notably to the Carolinas ... A resident of Dunbar, Pennsylvania ... Wrestled in an NWA-TNA dark match ... Openly questioned Jim

Miller's integrity regarding the Dan Severn-Shinya Hashimoto heavyweight title controversy, sparking a feud with the despised former NWA president ... Miller has turned several people against Brandon, including former friend Scottie Gash, former student Devin Devine, and former partner Dirk Ciglar, resulting in many highly emotional, gruesome matches ... Brandon, along with allies Quinn Magnum and Justin Idol, is turning the tide of this war ... Also competed in the International Wrestling Cartel, NWA Tri-State, NWA Wildside, American Pro Wrestling, Mason-Dixon Wrestling, and Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling ... His finishing maneuver is the K-driver, a version of the Michinoku driver ... Held the CWF Mon-Valley and NLW heavyweight championships, plus the NWA East and Keystone tag team titles during the past year.

338 JOHN WALTERS

(6', 222, 3, 332) Defeated Aaron Stevens for the Chaotic Wrestling title in Methuen, Massachusetts, on August 16, 2002 ... Retained his belt against Steven Richards in a kendo stick match on November 2 of last year ... Lost the strap to Luis Ortiz on April 5 in a bout refereed by Tom Prichard ... Quit the promotion after losing a rematch to Ortiz two weeks later ... Teamed with Aaron Stevens to face tag team champions Shelton Benjamin and Charlie Haas on the May 1 edition of *Smackdown* ... Also competes in Ring of Honor, the East Coast Wrestling Association, and Jersey Championship Wrestling ... His finisher is the sharpshooter ... One of the best-conditioned athletes in New England ... Nicknamed "The Hurricane."

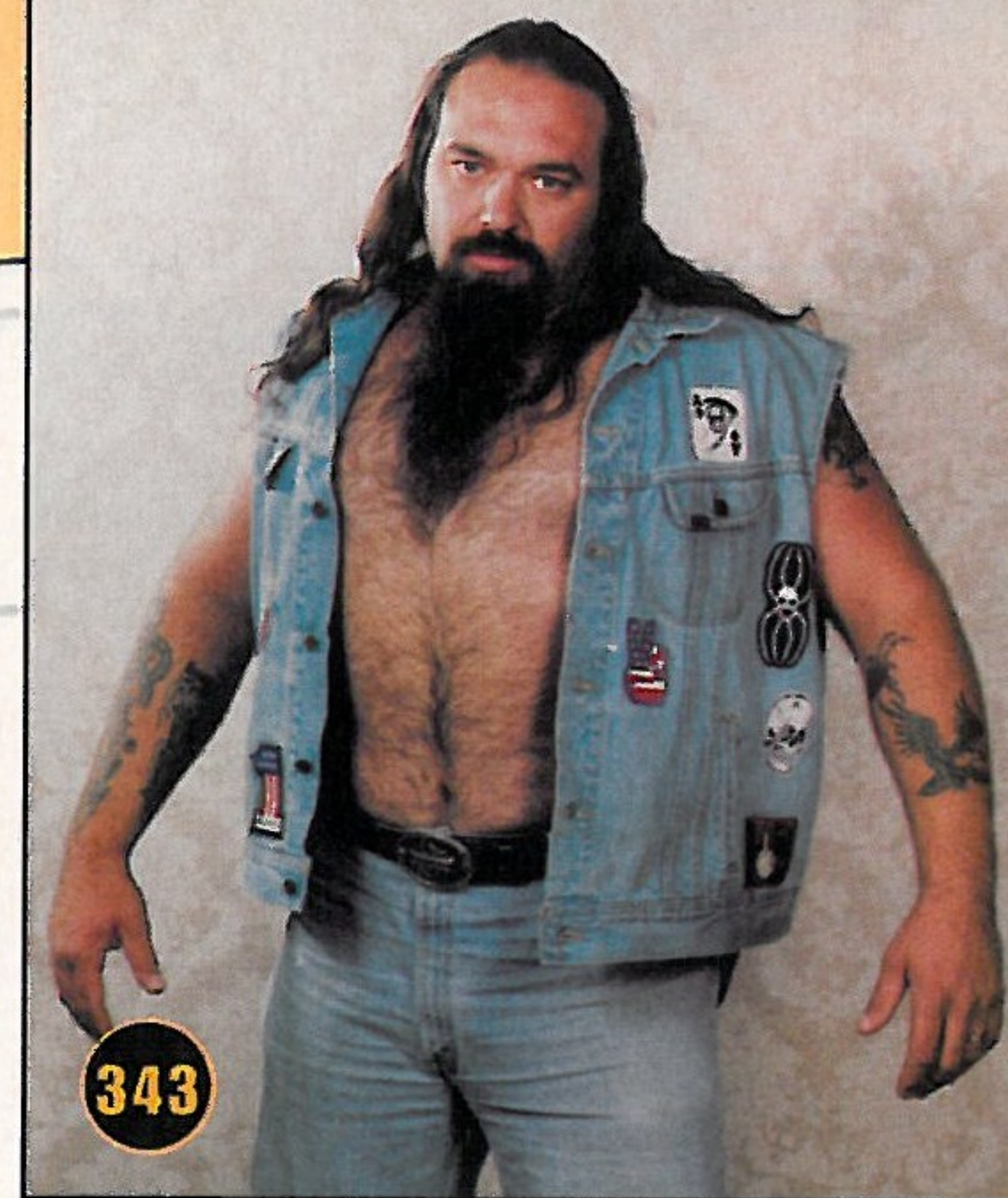
339 ANARCHY

(5'10", 220, 1, NL) Considered one of the most promising members of the International Wrestling Association's "new generation" ... Feuding with Paparazzi, who had attacked valets Habana and Avbriela ... Earned four brief reigns as IWA hardcore champ thanks to a 24/7 rule ... Helped Super Mark upon

entering the promotion ... Now the target of Hurricane Castillo Jr., who is jealous of the opportunities that Anarchy and other rookies are receiving in the IWA ... His high-flying style is in stark contrast to Castillo's hardcore tactics.

340 PRESTON QUINN

(6'2", 240, 8, 324) Can make a credible case that he's the best indy wrestler based in Virginia ... Reigns as the NWA Virginia State and Virginia Championship Wrestling titleholder simultaneously for much of the past year ... Has since lost the VCW belt ... Pinned Bobby Eaton, Disco Inferno (Glenn Gilbert), and The Barbarian in title defenses ... Lost to Jersey champion Biggie Biggs at the NWA's anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... Still uses the paradigm shift (two rolling piledrivers turned into a tiger bomb), the great bomb of Valhalla (a legdrop off the top rope), and his "legit" brainbuster ... Suffered his first major injury when he severely dislocated his shoulder in a match against Brandon Day, but went on to win that match and wrestle a 23-minute bout against Sean Lei the following week ... Retained his Virginia State title against current VCW champ Phil Brown during an NWA Wildside show ... Received 24 stitches because of Brown ... Also competes in North Carolina and Florida.



341 BLADE BOUDREAUX

(6'2", 235, 5, NL) Competes in Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee ... His rivalry with Nasty Bill has taken him throughout the South ... Has wrestled stars such as Bill Dundee, Baldo (A-Train), and Brickhouse Brown during his career ... Trained by Don Bass ... His powerful legs give him one of the hardest dropkicks in wrestling ... The gator drop, an inverted DDT, is his finishing maneuver ... Hails from New Orleans, Louisiana ... Has held the Power Pro TV and Mid-South Wrestling championships, in addition to the Global Pro heavyweight and Arkansas State titles ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PWI 500" at 289.

342 AKIRA TAUE

(6'5", 272, 15, 121) Former All-Japan Triple Crown champion has gotten lost in the undercard mix in Mitsuharu Misawa's NOAH promotion ... Lumbering heavyweight is a little past his prime ... Still wears his familiar red trunks and boots and bears a passing resemblance to Giant Baba at times ... A former tag champion with Toshiaki Kawada, but the two have not been able to reprise their classic team since the All-Japan/NOAH split ... Was unsuccessful in his match for the NOAH Global Honored Crown against Yoshinari Ogawa ... Lanky big man still throws dropkicks and the occasional tope ... Inventor of the ruby frosion, a peculiar choke-slam variation ... Master of the *nodowa otoshi*, a two-handed choke-slam that he can execute from almost any position, even off the top rope.

343 T. RANTULA

(6'7", 360, 11, 329) This powerful veteran has been ranked in nine straight editions of the

"PWI 500" ... Still one of the most feared indy wrestlers on tour today ... Involved in bloody hardcore feuds with former Far North Wrestling foes Seth James and Brian O ... Holds many victories over the two men ... Compiled a nearly spotless win-loss record this year ... Likes to bash opponents' heads with street signs ... Possesses a devastating power bomb ... Uses a cross-bodyblock from the top rope despite his large size ... His hometown is Munhall, Pennsylvania ... Once beat Mick Foley ... Has appeared on WWE television in the past.

344 NAVAJO WARRIOR

(6'1", 247, 10, 351) This veteran runs Impact Zone Wrestling in his native Arizona ... He and his younger brother, Ghostwalker, comprise Native Blood ... Considers himself to be in the tradition of Chiefs Wahoo McDaniel and Jay Strongbow ... A crowd favorite ... Native Blood has come close to winning the Ultimate Pro tag title several times ... They have been feuding with The Urban Outlaws during the past year ... He was one of the judges in WWE Raw champion Triple-H's posedown with Scott Steiner ... Helped the other judges attack Steiner ... Wrestled in WWE dark matches ... Toured Japan with Zero-One ... His finisher is the Death Valley driver ... A former upw.com champ ... He and Ghostwalker lost to Kronik on World Wrestling All-Stars' Revolution



pay-per-view last year ... Has trained many wrestlers throughout Southern California.

345 WADE CHISM

(6'3", 255, 2, 337) A graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... Based in Missouri's World League Wrestling ... Now 38 years old, Chism began his career relatively late in life ... Resides in St. Louis, where WLW is based ... His finishing move is a devastating Samoan drop ... Other signature moves include the spin kick and flying shoulder tackle ... Won the WLW title in St. Louis in the summer of 2002, but lost it to Takao Omori later in the year ... Has quite a history with Trevor Rhodes, whom he wrestled in his 2001 debut and a WWE dark match on March 17 of this year ... Has held the WLW tag team title with Rhodes ... Continued his long feud with current tag champions The New Gold Exchange ... Other notable opponents include Ace Steel and C.M. Punk ... Made some appearances in GPW.

346 IAN ROTTEN

(5'10", 235, 13, 323) Finally ended his feud with arch-rival Bull Pain, who has plagued Rotten for six years, in a steel cage match at IWA Mid-South's 300th show on January 24 ... Pain had dominated the feud in late-2002, with the help of stooges Mitch Ryder and Michael Todd Stratton (Todd Morton), and even won the services of Rotten's female trainee, Mickie ... Gave Stratton three piledrivers onto a chair and beat him in a taped-fist streetfight at "April Blood Showers" ... Now has a \$5,000 bounty on his head, courtesy of Stratton ... Dropped the Mid-American Wrestling title and a loser-leaves-town match to Brad Bradley, thanks to promoter Carmine Despirito ... Gained revenge against Bradley in IWA Mid-South, but is still anxious to do so in front of Milwaukee fans ... Now feuding with XPW King of the Death Match Supreme ... Has two IWA King of the Death Match tournament victories to his credit ... His finishing maneuver is the double-underhook DDT ... A native of Baltimore, Maryland ... Rose to prominence as a tag team wrestler with his brother, Axl, in the mid-1990s.

347 SUPERSTAR STEVE

(6'1", 221, 3, 363) Based in Missouri's World League Wrestling ... A graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... Went on four tours of Japan with Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Faced stars such as The Road Warriors, Buff Bagwell, Haku, Greg Valentine, and Tracey Smothers during the past year ... Wrestled Al Snow on the March 23 edition of *Sunday Night Heat* ... Defeated Takao Omori for the WLW title ... Has held the WLW tag team championship three times ... Also competed in IWA Mid-South ... His finishing moves are the moonsault and diving headbutt, which he learned from his mentor ... Hails from Hollywood ... Won the 2003 Cauliflower Alley Club Future Legend of Wrestling Award, which was given to Kurt Angle and Donovan Morgan in past years.

348 RAPID FIRE MALDONADO

(6'2", 241, 5, 330) Leader of the Latino Alliance in Pennsylvania's Premier Wrestling Federation ... Still believes the PWF is racist against Puerto Rican wrestlers ... Feuded with the popular Rockin' Rebel for much of the past year ... Holds black belts in three forms of karate ... A trained kickboxer ... Incorporates his martial arts skills into his offense ... Competed in Japan's Zero-One ... Has held the IWA title ... A perenni-

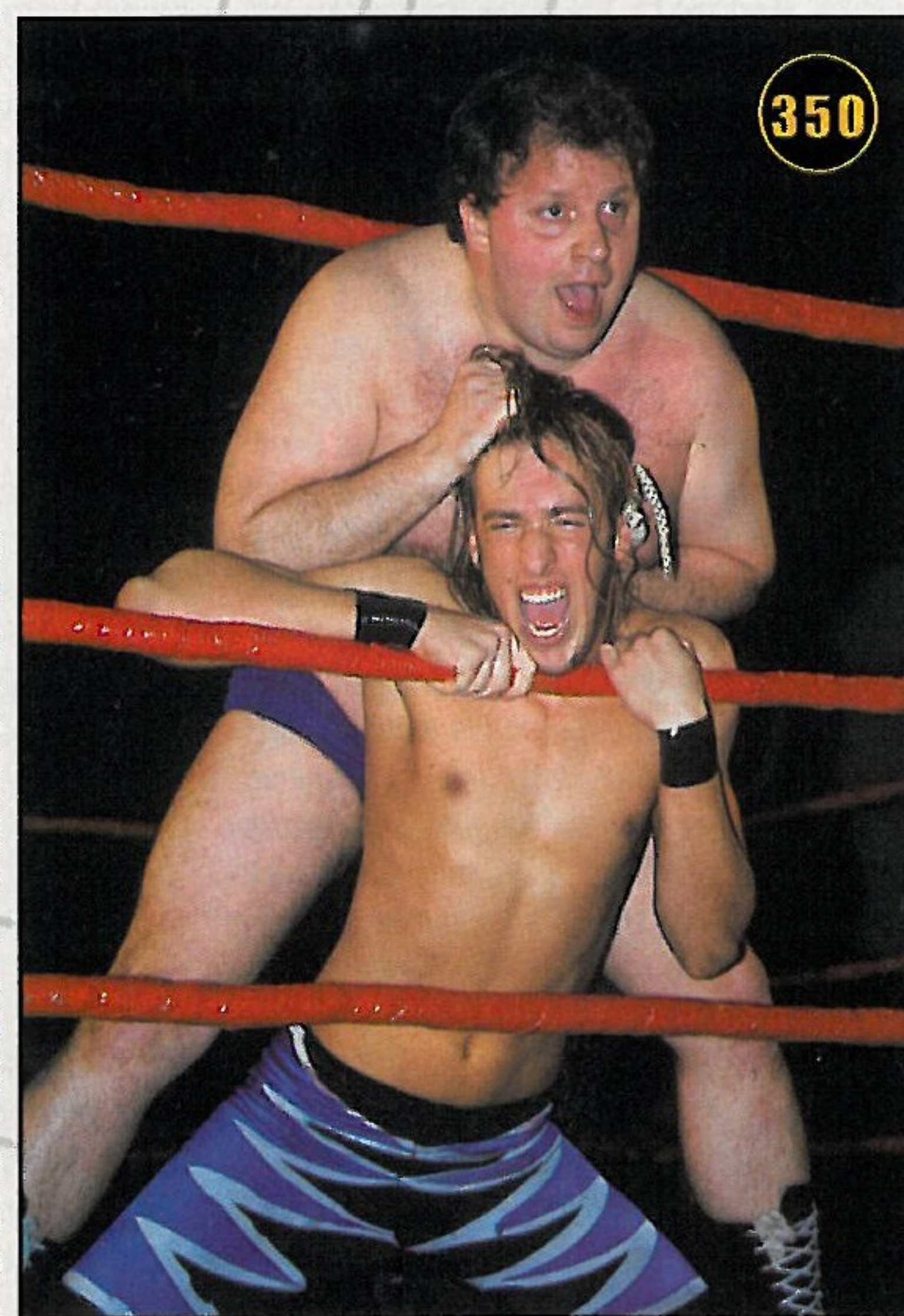
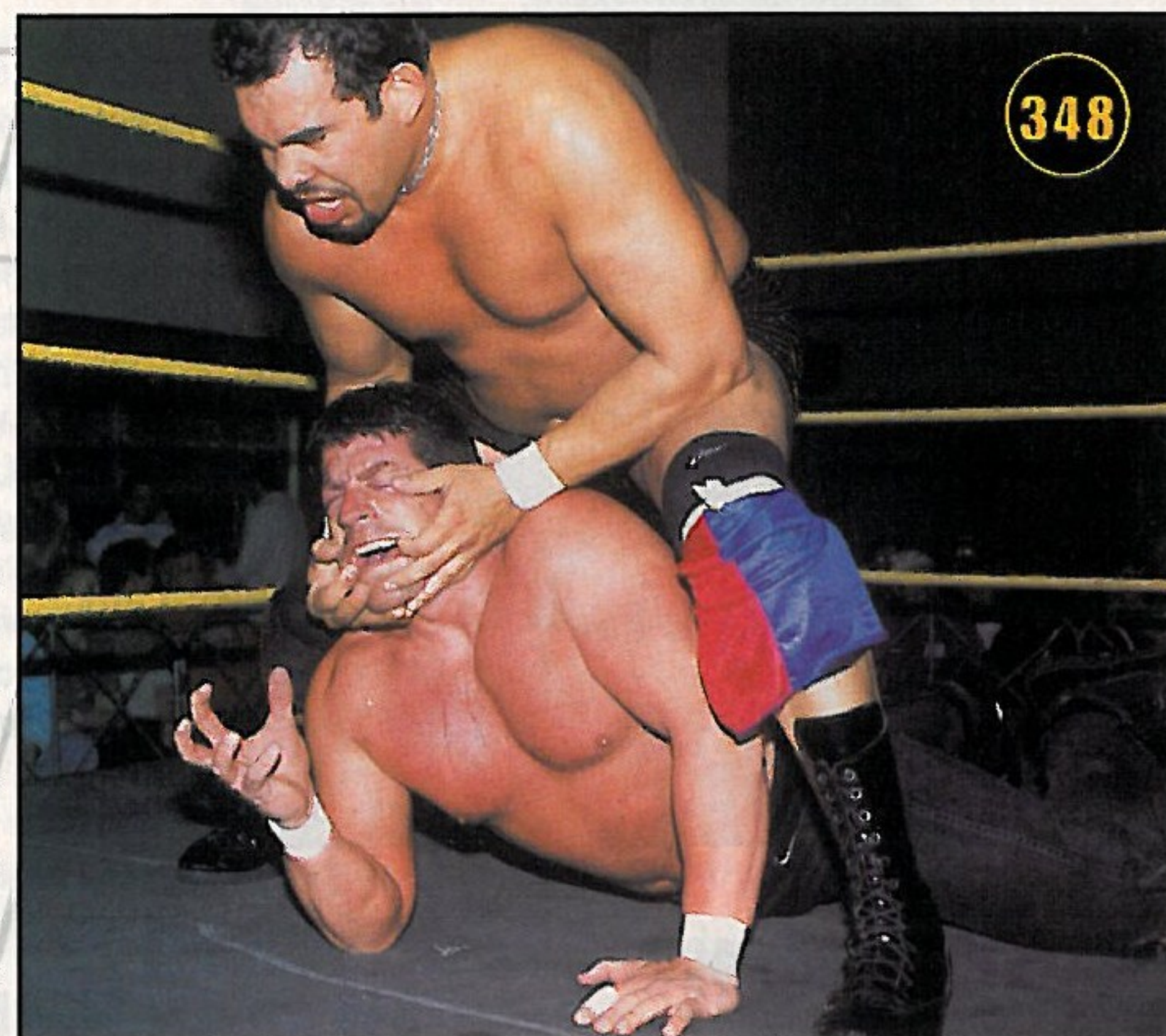
al rival of Steve Corino ... Has been known to lose matches to women.

349 GRAN NANIWA

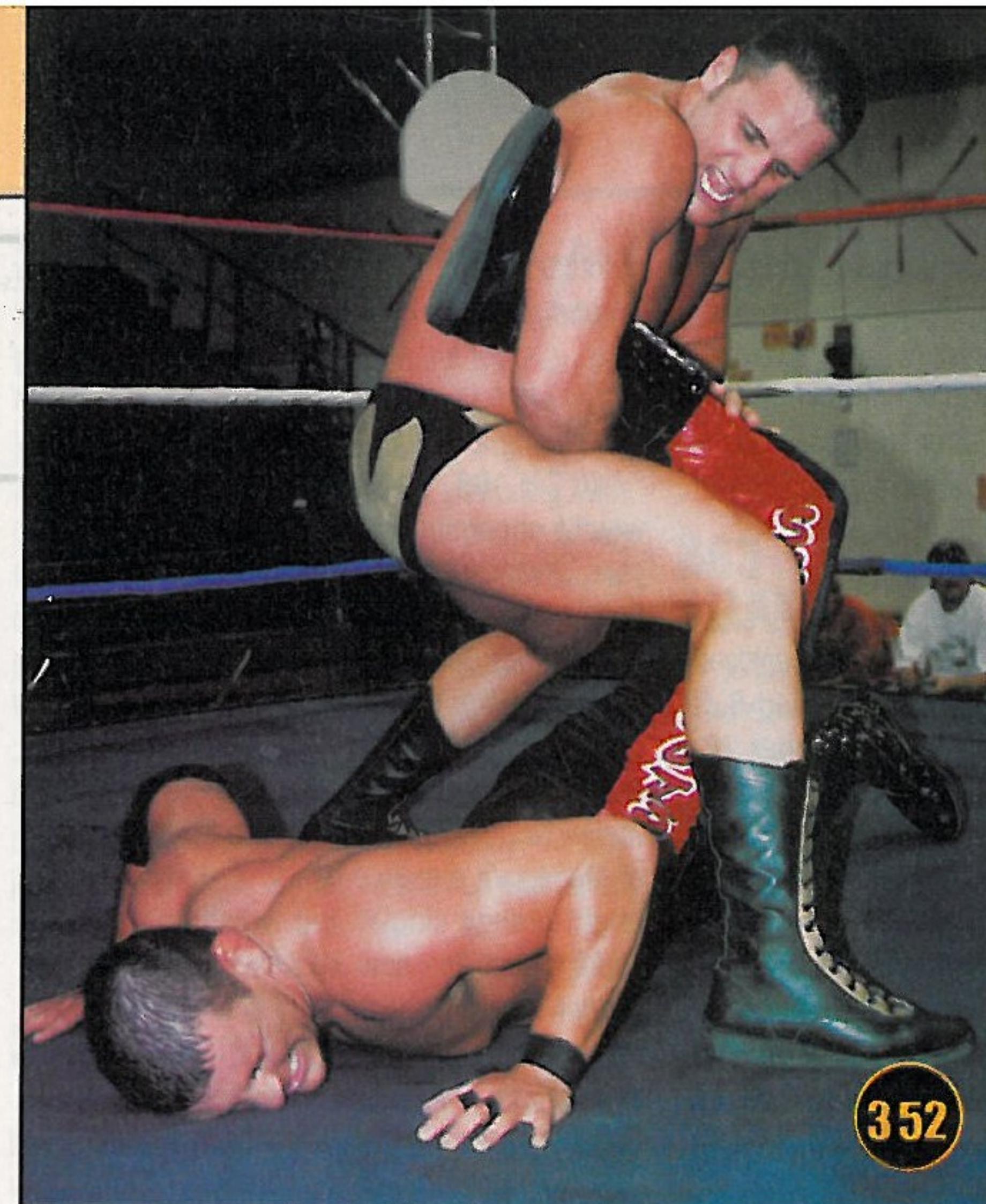
(5'7", 194, 9, 196) The "Great Crab" of All-Japan Pro Wrestling is a crowd favorite in the junior heavyweight division ... Began his career in a comic relief team with Super Delfin in Michinoku Pro ... Has wrestled for New Japan, Big Japan, WAR, and even ECW ... Made a name for himself in the early Michinoku mask tournaments by upsetting veteran star Great Sasuke when he was just a rookie ... Appeared in the 1995 Super J Cup, beating Damien 666 before being eliminated by Jushin Liger ... Easy to spot with his colorful crab masks, he sometimes wears giant lobster claws to the ring ... Has slimmed down considerably since his rookie years ... Inventor of the crab elbow, a move performed by walking the second rope to mid-ring before leaping out with an elbow-drop ... Uses the Doctor bomb, an invention of Steve Williams, to put opponents away.

350 MR. OOH LA LA

(5'10", 230, 15, 327) Continues to be one of the most hated individuals in ECWA history, despite his popular ring entrance ... His veteran status and clumsiness endear him to some fans ... A mainstay in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association for 11 years ... Managed by Carlton P. Hightower ... Feuded with Japanese Pool Boy, Cheetah Master, and Johnny Maxx ... Almost suffered a career-ending injury at the ECWA's 35th anniversary banquet when he went to make a presentation, but fell through the podium and off the stage ... Also competes in Penn-



sylvania's Continental Championship Wrestling ... Has a love-hate relationship with Mozart Fontaine ... Best remembered for his in-ring confrontation with ECWA fan John "Hat Guy" Bailey in 2002 ... A former Mid-Atlantic champion ... Claims to be from Paris, France ... Mostly treated as a comedy act, but he is a solid technical wrestler and can hold his own against the younger upstarts in ECWA.



351 MAJIK

(6'1", 190, 4, NL) Invited to attend Ohio Valley's tryout camp in April 2003 ... Won a four-man elimination tournament to become the first-ever NWA U.K. junior heavyweight champion in October 2002 ... Lost the belt to Paul Vault in a heated feud, but later regained it ... Relies on his tremendous speed and superb aerial skills ... Utilizes a running Death Valley driver called the spellbinder ... Resides in Coventry, England, where he operates a training school ... Appeared on *Scrapheap Challenge*, the British version of *Junkyard Wars*, twice, along with fellow U.K. Hammerlock wrestlers Johnny Moss and Psycho Steve ... Never met a microphone he didn't like ... The loudest and cockiest wrestler in U.K.-Hammerlock ... Has competed in Florida's IPW Hardcore Wrestling.

352 BROCK SINGLETON

(6'3", 265, 3, 373) Lost the Mason-Dixon title, yet remained the top contender throughout the year ... Won and lost the APWF tag team title several times ... Also held the Championship Wrestling tag team championship, but the promotion then went out of business ... Faced stars such as The Blue Meanie, Robert Gibson, Gangrel, Van Hammer, Joey Matthews, Doug Delicious, Mike Quackenbush, Don Montoya, and Brian Anthony ... Rose to prominence in Virginia's KYDA Pro Wrestling and West Virginia's Championship Pro Wrestling ... Debuted with several

353 SHIRO KOSHINAKA

(6'1", 217, 24, NL) Departed New Japan Pro Wrestling, a company in which he had spent almost his entire career, in 2003 ... Joined forces with Riki Choshu's WJ Pro group ... The first man to hold the IWGP junior heavyweight title ... A three-time IWGP tag champ, with partners Kensuke Sasaki, Genichiro Tenryu, and The Great Muta ... Part of the Ishingun faction that feuded with New Japan regulars for most of the 1990s ... Known for his flying hip attack, which he can execute from any angle ... His feuds with the likes of Kuniaki Kobayashi and Owen Hart are the stuff of legend ... Rarely wrestles outside his native Japan ... His best years are behind him now, and many of his contemporaries have long since retired ... Has a good finisher in his folding power bomb.

354 GHOSTWALKER

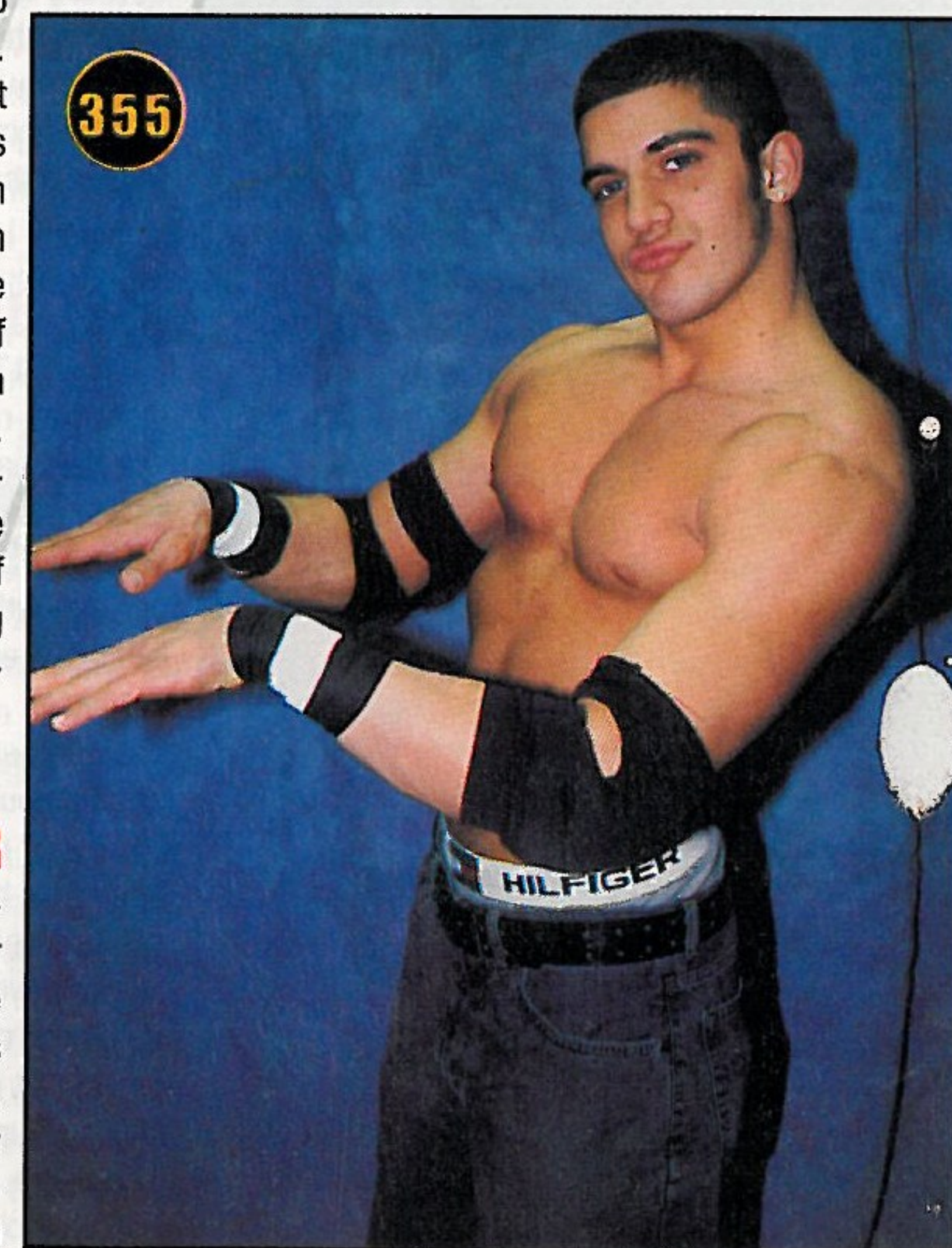
(6'3", 220, 2, NL) An impressive American Indian star based in California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... He and his older brother, Navajo Warrior, comprise Native Blood ... They have toured with Japan's Zero-One ... Native Blood also faced

other promotions during the past year, including Maryland Championship Wrestling, CHIKARA, Ultimate Championship Wrestling, NWA Tri-State, Keystone Championship Wrestling, and All-Star Pro Wrestling ... Has a tumultuous relationship with Zero Tolerance partner Mason Hunter ... The lovely and talented Sasha is his valet ... Uses a standing shooting star press ... A former military man with an impressive amateur wrestling background.

Kronik in 2002 at World Wrestling All-Stars' first (and only) pay-per-view in North America ... The more agile of the two brothers ... Concentrating more on singles competition lately ... Had an outstanding match against Mike Knox in Loughlin, Nevada ... His finisher is the reservation devastation ... Considered good-looking by the ladies ... One of the more colorful wrestlers in UPW ... A native of Phoenix, Arizona ... Should become a contender for the upw.com title in the upcoming year.

355 ROB ECKOS

(5'10", 180, 3, 457) Competes throughout Delaware and New Jersey ... Joined the East Coast Wrestling Association this year under the management of Carlton P. Hightower ... Distinguished himself as a singles star against Striker, Johnny Maxx, and Xero ... Now teaming with Billy Bax ... Their rivals include Ruffhouse Rivera and Inferno, the Maxx brothers, and the Maximo brothers ... A technically sound competitor ... Got his start in the Independent Wrestling Federation, where he held the tag team title with Biggie Biggs ... Gained experience in his early feuds with Damian Adams and Hadrian ... Has also competed in 3PW, Jersey Championship Wrestling, Jersey All Pro Wrestling, and Continental Championship Wrestling ... Appeared in a commercial for the 2003 Royal Rumble.



356 ACE DARLING

(6', 240, 11, NL) This young veteran returned to the East Coast Wrestling Association in February to announce the participants in the 2003 Super 8 ... Relaunched his career that night by teaming with Striker to capture the ECWA tag team title ... Later turned against long-time friend Cheetah Master and aligned himself with Prince Nana's Royal Decision ... Officially inducted into Nana's Ashanti tribe of West Ghana in a special ceremony in May ... He and Striker must deal with a list of title contenders, including Billy Bax and Rob Eckos, the Maxx brothers, and the Maximo brothers ... One of the most decorated wrestlers in ECWA history, a former holder of the heavyweight, Mid-Atlantic, and TV championships ... Also competes in Jersey Championship Wrestling and NWA New Jersey ... Has competed on WWE and WCW shows.

357 ERIC ALEXANDER

(6'3", 245, 2, NL) Emerged as one of the International Wrestling Association's most promising young stars during the past year ... He and Andy Anderson (now known as Lobo) were forced to vacate the IWA tag team title after Anderson suffered a knee injury ... Credited with two hard-

core title reigns, but both were brief due to a 24/7 rule ... Resides in Carolina, Puerto Rico ... This tall and lanky wrestler usually enjoys advantages in both height and reach ... The 23-year-old upstart could be a heavyweight title contender within a year.

358 CHRIS HERO

(6'4", 240, 4, 359) This popular star enjoyed the best year of his career ... Defeated B.J. Whitmer for the IWA belt on September 20, 2002, but lost it to M-Dogg 20 a couple of weeks later ... Had an epic series of matches with C.M. Punk in IWA Mid-South ... After beating Matt Stryker and Jimmy Rave, lost to Punk in the semifinals of the Ted Petty Invitational Tournament ... Wrestled Punk to a 60-minute draw on December 21 ... Finally defeated Punk in a best-of-three-falls match to win the IWA title at 93:40 on February 7 ... And nobody thought they could top their 55-minute tables, ladders, and chairs match from 2002 ... Defended the IWA strap against Salem at an Xtreme Pro Wrestling show ... Also beat Raven during his reign ... Lost the championship to Danny Daniels in 2003 ... Lost to Jerry Lynn at IWA Mid-South's 300th event, but defeated him a week later ... The current WXW German champion, and a co-holder of the CCW tag team title ... Has competed in Chikara, CZW, and Ring of Honor, where he's a member of The Second City Saints ... His finisher is the Hero's welcome.

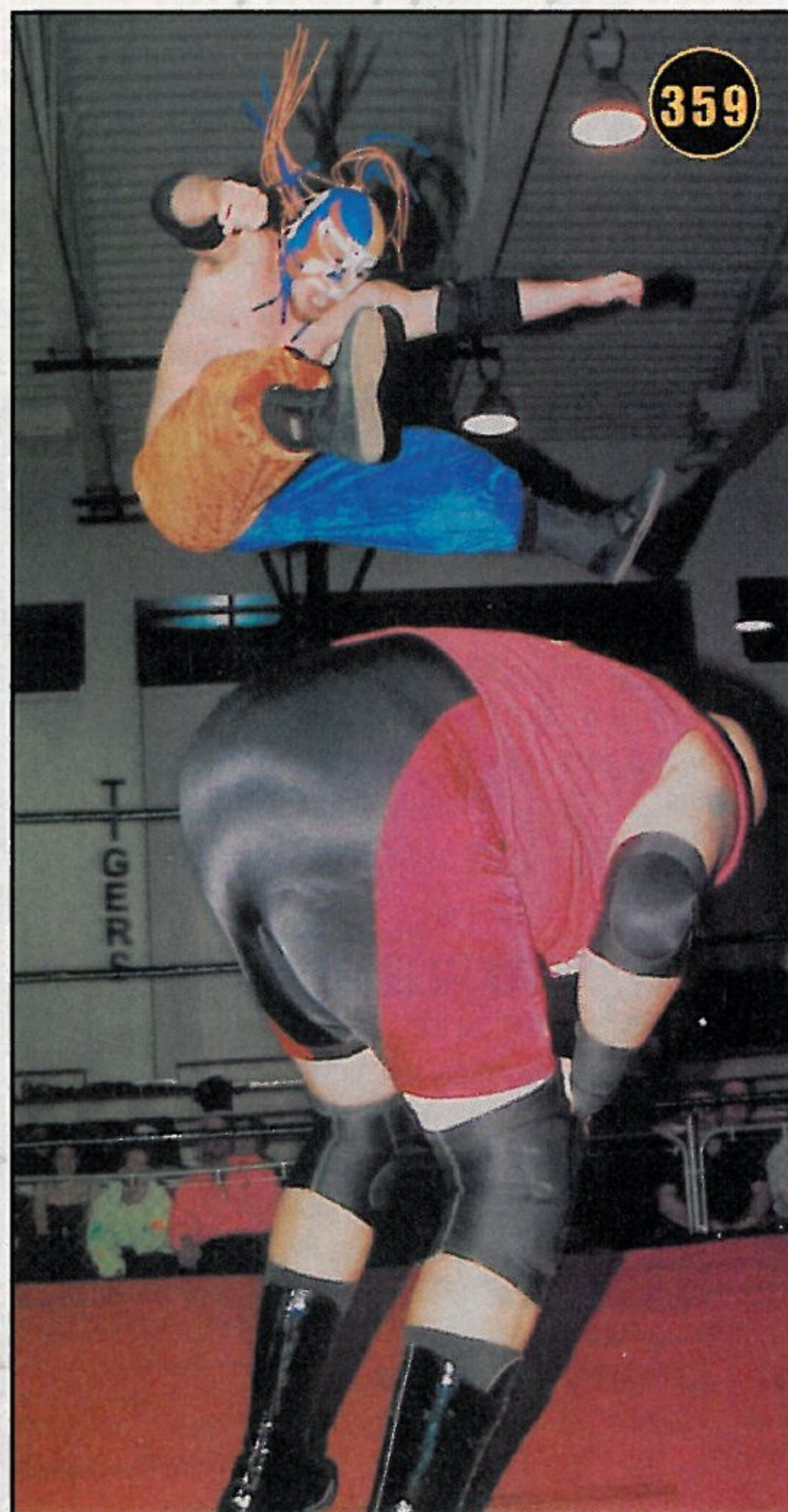
359 SUPER HENTAI

(5'5", 170, 4, NL) One of the most well-rounded independent wrestlers based in the Pittsburgh area ... Made impacts in the U.S. as well as Japan ... Held the Super Indy title for almost a year, beating wrestlers of many different styles ... Defeated Christopher Daniels ... Toured Japan with Hayabusa's WMF in the fall of 2002 ... A chair shot from Shirley Doe ruined his return to the States ... Suffered a concussion and needed seven staples in his head ... Missed a second tour of Japan due to that injury ... His 356-day reign as Super Indy champ ended thanks to A.J. Styles ... Very popular, especially in his hometown

of Pittsburgh ... Has beaten B.J. Whitmer, Colt Cabana, and C.M. Punk by pinfall.

360 RYO SAITO

(5'7", 188, 5, 233) Former NWA welter-weight champion had a change of heart this year, and now sides with the *rudos* in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Back together with former partner Genki Horiguchi under Tokyo Magnum's Do-Fixer group, previously known as M2K ... In a symbolic move, Saito stomped the bicycle he rode to the ring during his days with the *technicos*, and now even uses a bizarre version of Magnum's entrance dance ... Known for his bright orange singlet and wrestling attire ... Feuding with the new M2K faction and CIMA's Crazy Max group ... Gave up on trying to get his revenge on Milano Collection AT ... Loads his arsenal with a variety of fisherman suplexes ... Capable high-flyer has wrestled in Mexico and Japan virtually his entire career ... Signature submission hold is called the cycling yahoo!

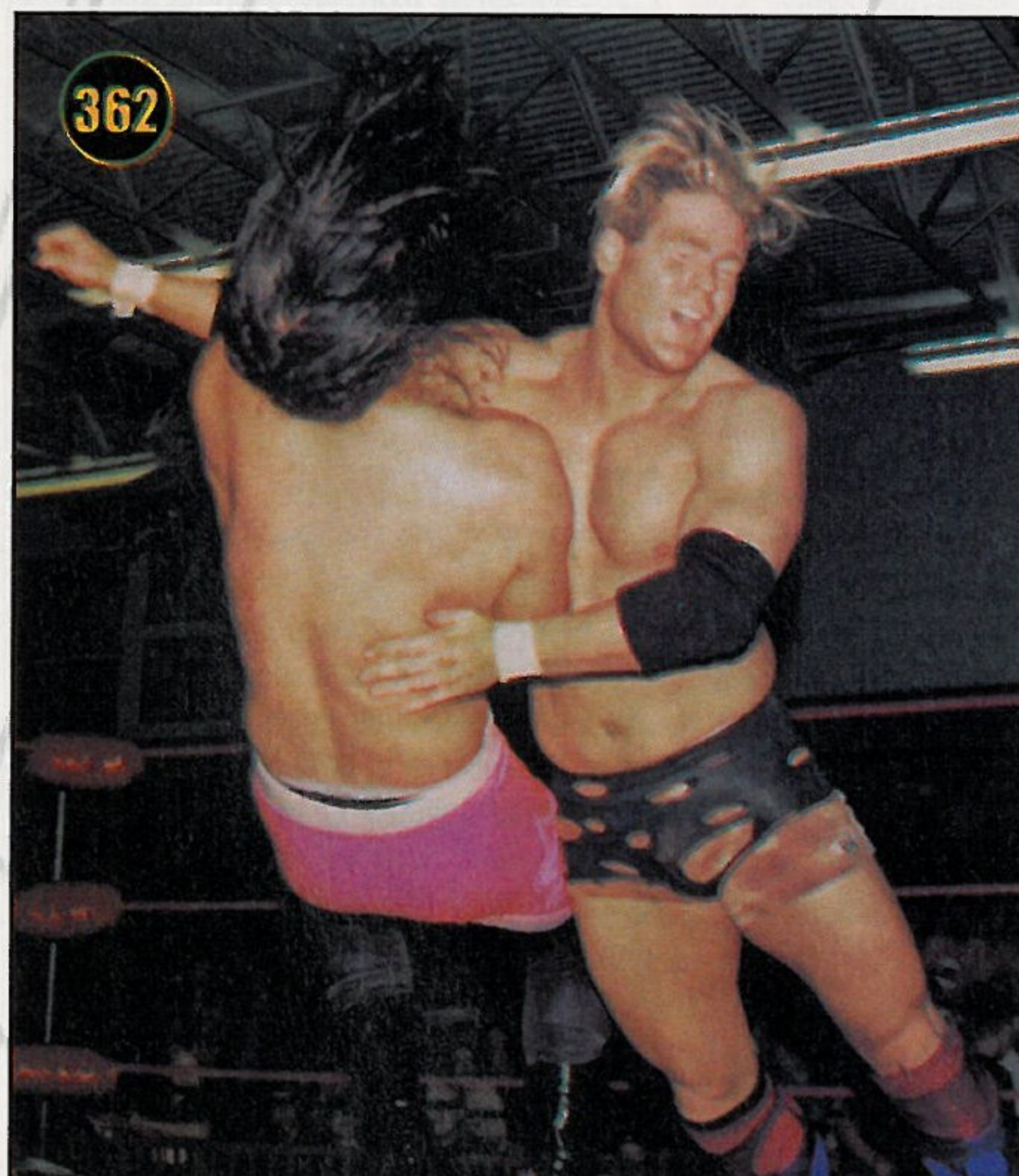


361 JIMMY CICERO

(6'1", 255, 11, NL) Invaded Southern Championship Wrestling and re-formed Total Quality Management, a clique he first established in Maryland Championship Wrestling a few years ago ... Captured the SCW title ... Feuding with C.W. Anderson and Cham Pain ... Wants to run Count Grog out of the promotion ... His finisher is the inverted neckbreaker ... Managed by Brian Perry and Brandi Richardson ... Hails from Washington, D.C. ... Last ranked at 198 in the 2000 "PWI 500" ... Wrestled Chris Hamrick in his 1992 debut ... Has appeared on WWE television in the past ... Nicknamed "Wiseguy" ... Enjoys a reputation as a solid veteran up and down the East Coast.

362 ARCH KINCAID

(6'1", 226, 3, 437) "Intellectual" Arch cuts the best promo in Chaotic Wrestling ... Based in New England ... Lost his manager, Cherry Payne, to long-time enemy Matthew Evagrios ... Seems a bit lost without his confidante ... Had the daunting task of facing Nathan Jones in a dark match at Boston's FleetCenter in October 2002 ... Appeared for both the Smackdown and Raw brands in May 2003, battling Rikishi on *Velocity* and teaming with fellow Chaotic Wrestling star Vince Vicallo against Three Minute Warning on *Sunday Night Heat* ... His finisher is the Kin-cussion, a



reverse neckbreaker ... His toughest opponents have included Jimmy Snuka, Christopher Nowinski, and Dukes Dalton ... Once managed by his "sister," April Hunter.

363 NIKITA ALLANOV

(6'1", 230, 5, 397) Nicknamed "The Soviet Shooter" ... Held the NWA East brass knuckles title on two occasions ... Feuded with Premiere Wrestling Coalition champion Country in Central Ohio ... Lost to Country in a bloody falls-count-anywhere match in his last bout in the region ... He and his fellow "Soviet," Zubov, beat Mason Hunter and Brock Singleton, along with The Premier Players, to win a Mason-Dixon tag team title tournament in Morgantown, West Virginia ... Also held the MDW Southern and PWC Global belts, in addition to the CWF Mon-Valley and In Your Face tag team championships ... Beat Western Pennsylvania wrestlers Bison and Homicide in separate retirement matches ... Battled Scottie Gash at an NWA Wildside show in December 2002 ... Also competed in Pennsylvania's Union of Professional

Wrestlers and Ohio's Worldwide Wrestling ... Featured in the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* in March ... Added the red scare, a piledriver he turns into a power bomb, to his repertoire.

364 JIMMY SNUKA JR.

(6'2", 230, 4, NL) Also known as "Solo" Snuka ... The son of the legendary "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka ... Feuding with Keiji Sakoda in California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Teams with Predator in Japan's Zero-One ... The duo has reminded some of the team of Bruiser Brody and Jimmy



Snuka Sr., who competed in Japanese rings two decades ago ... Delivers Snuka Sr.'s Superfly leap with an interesting twist: He turns his body in mid-air to complete the splash ... Teamed with Samoa Joe and Skulu in a superb six-man match against The Knoxes and Hollywood ... Spent more time on the West Coast than in previous years, when he competed primarily in New York state.

365 EPI THE PHAT SAMOAN

(6'1", 275, 4, NL) Feuded with John Allen in Texas Championship Wrestling ... Their war culminated in a grisly no-rope barbed-wire match ... Claims to be from the "west side" of Samoa ... He and Khan are collectively known as The Phat Samoans ... They defeated Jeff and Jerry Brown for the TCW tag team title ... Lost the XCW ironman title to Pendragon in a bloody three-way hardcore match also involving Scott Phoenix ... Has also held the TCW and NGW hardcore championships, in addition to the XCW TV and IHW heavyweight belts ... Competes in North and East Texas, as well as Louisiana ... His signature maneuver is the Phat splat, a double-underhook piledriver ... Didn't miss any ring time despite bad knees, busted shins, five concussions, a broken finger, a sprained wrist, bone chips in his elbow, a dislocated shoulder, and numerous cuts and scrapes ... His medical history reads like Mick Foley's, which isn't a good thing for career longevity or future well-being.

366 JOHNNY HEARTBREAKER

(6'1", 226, 4, NL) Co-holder of the New Era Pro U.S. tag team title with Mike Preston in Ohio ... Feuding with Chi Chi Cruz and Dr. Heresy, along with M-Dogg 20 and Josh Prohibition ... Teams with Antonio Thomas in Massachusetts' PCCW and Texas' EWF ... He and Aaron Stevens faced Three Minute Warning at a WWA New England show ... Has also wrestled Nunzio, Tommy Dreamer, and Nathan Jones ... Undeclared in the EWA ... In fact, Heartbreaker is the right-hand man of Commissioner Alexander Worthington III ... Wrestled in a top contender four-way match also involving Christopher Daniels, Red, and Xavier in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Billed as the cousin of Cheetah Master ... Competed as Giovanni Roselli in Phoenix Championship Wrestling and John Roselli in Maine Event Wrestling ... Uses the blockbuster as his finisher ... Underwent shoulder surgery with Dr. James Andrews of Birmingham, Alabama ... Graduated from Sacred Heart University in Connecticut with a degree in

business administration and management.

367 MARC ASH

(6'1", 228, 14, 344) Defeated Ivan Koloff for the Coastal Real Extreme Wrestling title in December 2002 ... Began doing color commentary for local indy television and streaming Internet feeds ... Seemed to lose his coveted Independent Championship Wrestling title in June, but it was returned on a technicality ... Has the distinction of being the final man to defeat Wahoo McDaniel, although that victory was controversial ... Continues to have a strange love/hate relationship with fans ... Ended his long feud with Viper in a loser-leaves-ICW match that was aired on the Internet ... Nicknamed "Mean" Marc ... Claims to have no desire to compete in WWE.

368 JAGUAR VIJAY SINGH

(6'3", 264, 5, 387) Won the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation an unprecedented fourth time ... Wrestled an amazing 53 matches in 18 consecutive days at the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto to win the AWF ironman competition ... Based in Ontario ... Despite his large size, Singh favors the huracanrana, power bomb, a somersault to the arena floor, and a high dropkick ... A native of Calcutta, India ... Wrestled Silk on Much Music, Canada's version of MTV, in November 2002 ... Earned a degree in chartered accounting last year.

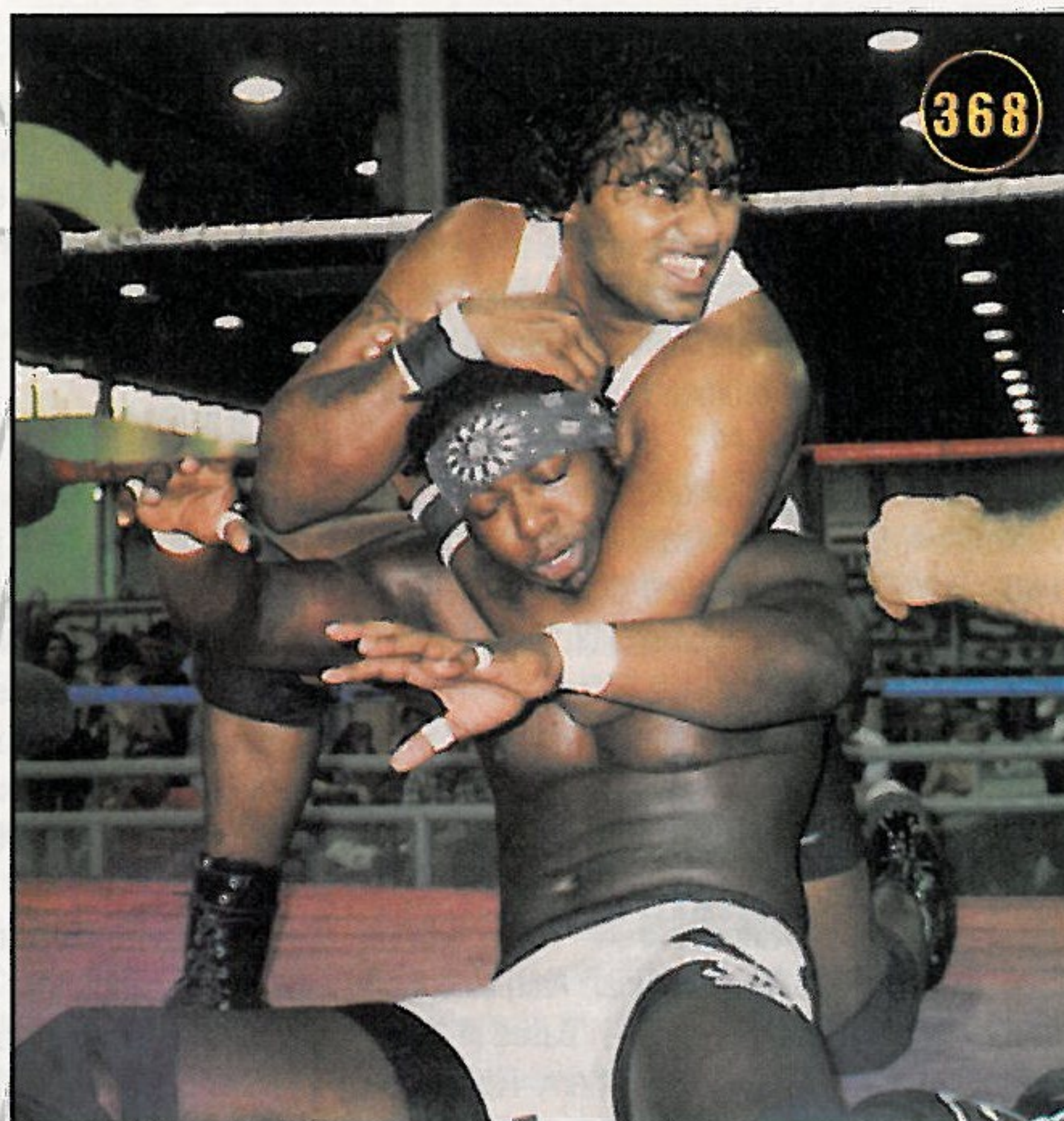
369 MURDER ONE

(6'4", 265, 12, 361) Previously wrestled under the

name Homicide, not to be confused with the Northeast wrestler of the same name ... Forged a singles career in NWA Wildside after several years as a tag team specialist ... Has held the Wildside tag team title three times with Rainman ... They were known as Black-out ... Often seeks the advice of his old friend New Jack ... His playas call him "M-1" ... Feuding with the popular Onyx ... Hated because of his association with gang activity and reputation for being a hussla ... Uses the zoolander, a bulldog he turns into a backdrop driver, as his finisher ... Feuded with former NWA World champion Dory Funk Jr. and his protegee, Adam Windsor, in Florida's Bang Wrestling ... Also competed in NWA-TNA and 3PW.

370 ROD STEEL

(6', 210, 3, NL) Lost the IPW heavyweight title to Billy Fives after a six-month reign ... Had beaten NWA champion Jeff Jarrett by disqualification in a unification match, so both champs left with their belts ... A lead member of The Alliance of Defiance with Scoot Andrews, Mike Sullivan, Agent Steele, and Roderick Strong ... Resides in Miami, Florida ... Has also held the IPW cruiserweight, tag team, and TV championships ... Ended the career of his arch-rival, Jet Jaguar ... Wrestled in WWE and NWA-TNA dark matches ... Appeared at Ted DiBiase's "Acquire The Fire" event at Tampa's Ice Palace ... The sky-high slam is his finisher.

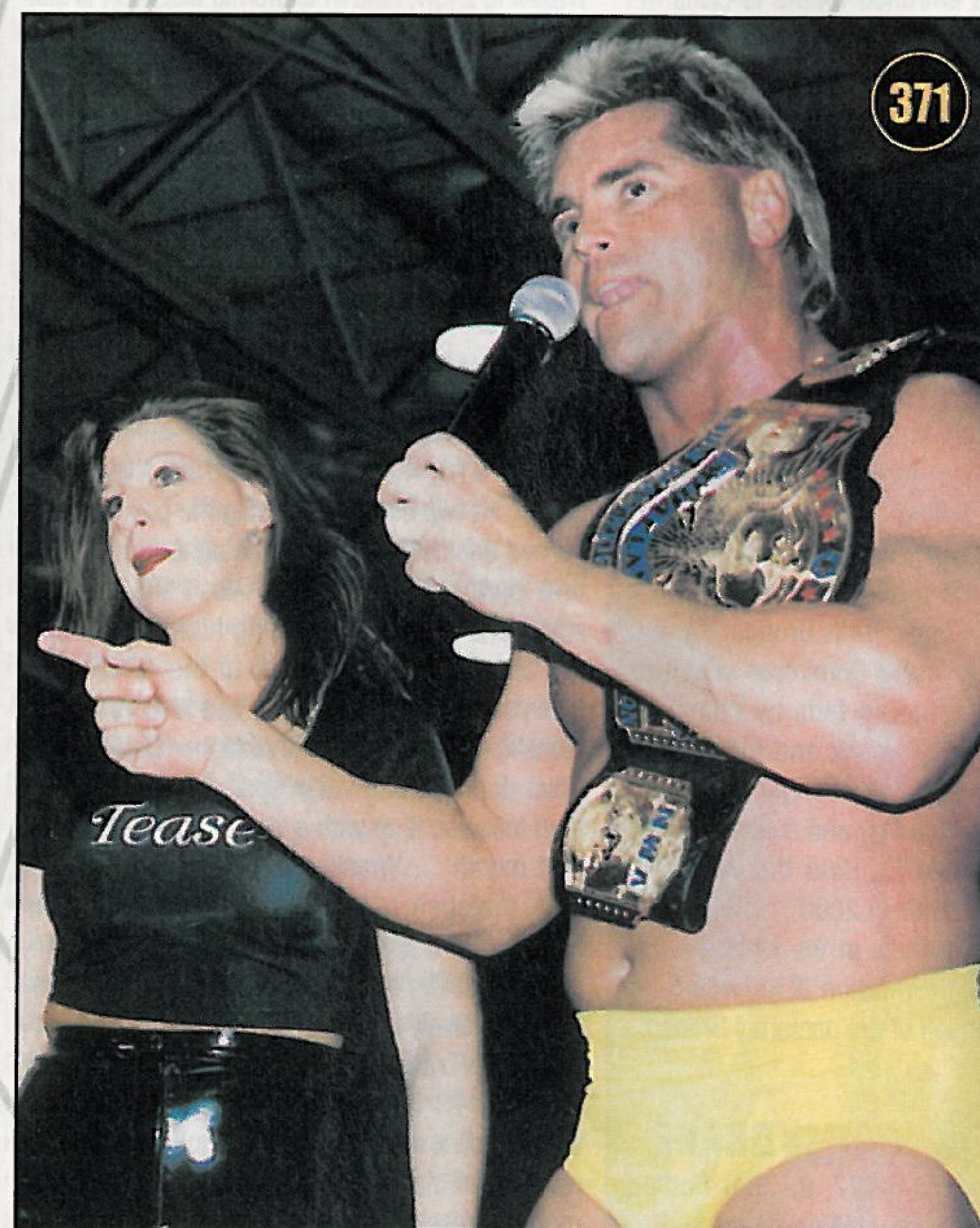


371 BART SAWYER

(5'9", 232, 18, NL) Based in Nashville, Tennessee, but accepts engagements throughout the U.S. ... Became a popular figure in Maine Event Wrestling during the winter ... Feuded with the Rosellis and Kappa Tappa Kegga there ... Returned to Nashville-area indies ... First gained prominence in the Pacific Northwest, and then the USWA ... Held the USWA tag team title with Flex Kavana (The Rock) during that period ... Maintains a close friendship with Roddy Piper.

372 SCOTT D'AMORE

(5'11", 247, 11, 325) A former Border City Wrestling champion ... Also an ex-BCW commissioner ... Serves as a talent agent for NWA-TNA ... Competed for WWE, WCW, and ECW in the past ... Has held regional titles throughout Ontario, Michigan, and Ohio, in addition to distinguishing himself during tours of Europe and Japan ... Well-versed in submission and technical wrestling ... Resides in Windsor, Ontario.



373 RIKKI NELSON

(5'11", 227, 17, 365) Co-holder of the Mid-Atlantic tag team title with Bobby Eaton, his partner for the past three years ... They are feuding with Jeff Justice and Rick Steiner ... Has also held the Mid-Atlantic heavyweight and junior heavyweight titles ... Trained by Nelson Royal ... Dominated Rob Van Dam in a feud that occurred more than 10 years ago ... Rose to main-event status while appearing in South Atlantic Pro Wrestling in the early-1990s ... Feuded with Buff Bagwell last year.

374 JOEY KNIGHT

(5'8", 186, 4, 369) More hated than his brother, Robin Knightwing ... Nicknamed "The Joe-verine" ... Based in Ontario's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation ... His signature maneuvers are the triple-tornado DDT and huracanrana ... His latest new move is a springboard legdrop that makes impact on his opponent's arm ... Dominated by Jimmy Snuka Sr. in a short feud ... Overcame a back injury



to participate in the 18-day AWF ironman tournament at the Canadian National Exposition last year ... Teams with Arizona ... Managed by Jason Sensation ... Often accompanied by AWF ladies champion Phoenix.

375 MICHELLE STARR

(6'3", 240, 16, NL) Based in NWA Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling ... Competes extensively throughout Western Canada and American Pacific Northwest ... Toured Japan with Michinoku Pro Wrestling in March ... Also wrestled for IWA Japan in Tokyo, and KAGEKI in Nagoya ... Captured the Vancouver Island title in early-2003 ... Now feuding with Brett Prime over that belt ... "The Gorgeous One's" effeminate style catches opponents off-guard, giving him a distinct edge ... Has embarked on several overseas tours of Japan, South Korea, and the U.K. ... Trained by Billy Anderson and The Great Goliath in Los Angeles.

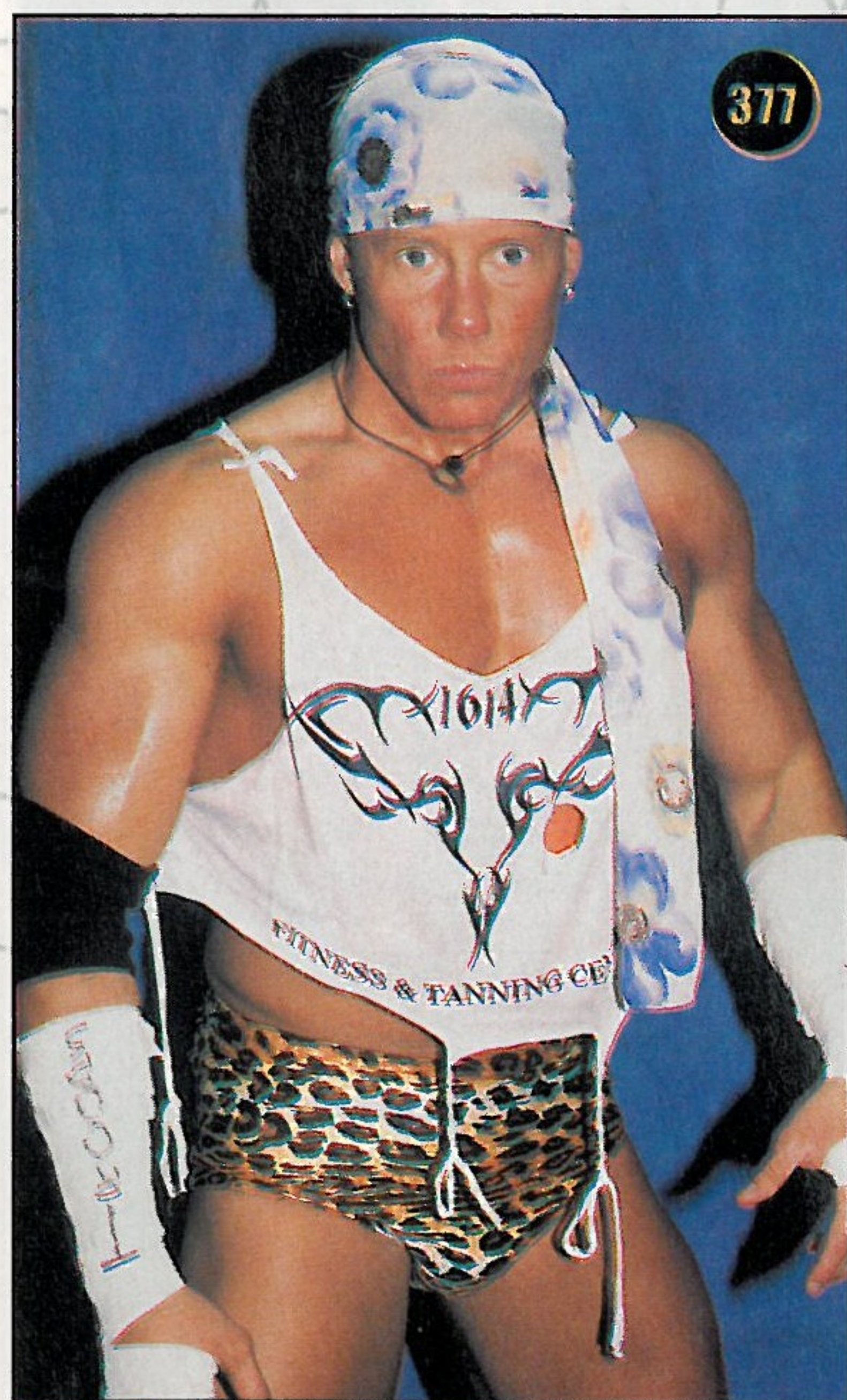


376 ERIC PRIEST

(6'3", 220, 4, NL) Known as "The Underwear Model" ... Claims to be from the international fashion runways of Milan, Italy ... Actually born in Detroit, Michigan ... Possesses good looks and aerial skills ... Noted for being the youngest AWA champion of all-time ... For the record, AWA Wrestling Entertainment lays claims to the heritage of Verne Gagne's old AWA ... Lost that title to Evan Karagias in 2002 and is looking to regain the title ... Competed in gymnastics while in high school ... His match against George Steele is remembered by those who saw it as a hoot ... The kiss of death, a version of the reverse neckbreaker, is his finisher ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PWI 500" at 401.

377 CHEETAH MASTER

(6'1", 221, 13, 360) The most popular star in the history of the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Based in Delaware ... Feuding with Prince Nana's Royal Decision clique ... ECWA tag team



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champions Ace Darling and Striker turned against him to

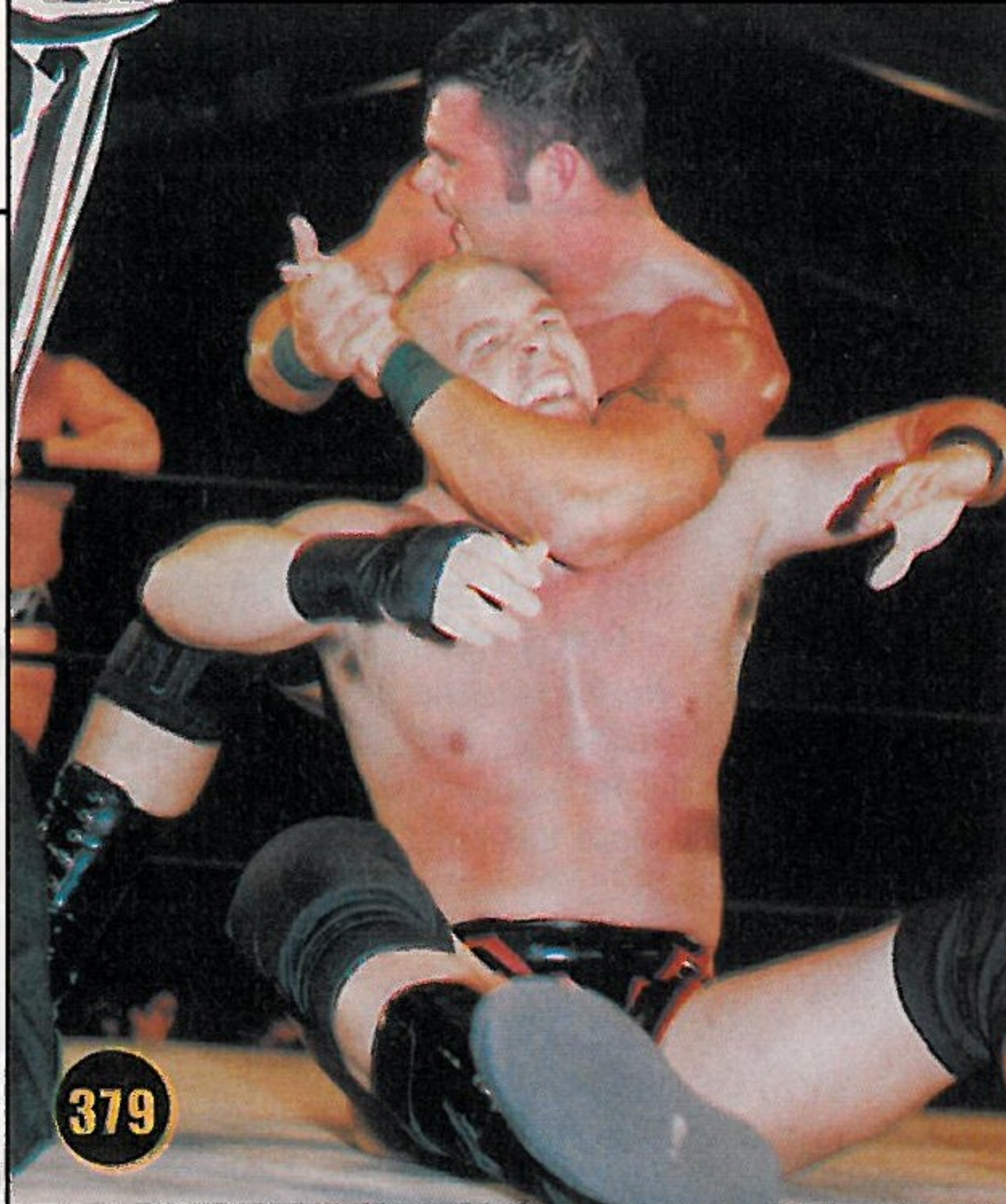
join Royal Decision ... Attacked by Royal Decision many times ... Gained revenge by ruining Nana's special coronation ceremony ... Teamed with his childhood idol, Jimmy Snuka ... His most persistent opponents through the years have included Salvatore Sincere (Tom Brandi), J.R. Ryder, Mr. Ooh La La, Mozart Fontaine, and Bobby Rude ... Wrestles occasionally in Pennsylvania's Continental Championship Wrestling ... Devotes much of his time to his physical fitness center in Delaware ... Once appeared on WWE television as a security guard who wouldn't allow Stephanie McMahon access to the dressing room area ... Has worked around serious knee injuries and personal commitments to remain involved in wrestling ... His entrance theme is Guns 'n' Roses' "Welcome To The Jungle" and the crowd erupts as soon as his music hits ... Has possibly the most deafening ring entrance on the East Coast thanks to the screams of his young fans.

378 DOMINICAN BOY

(5'10", 220, 4, NL) Previously known as Black Boy ... Based in Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council ... Once considered the unpolished diamond in the WWC locker room ... Now is aligned with Bronco's group of invading Dominican wrestlers ... Angered fans by changing both his mask and his flag ... Feuding with Vengador Boricua over the flag and colors of Puerto Rico ... Held the WWC tag team title in 2000 ... Could be a major force in the junior heavyweight division if he would rid himself of the dastardly Bronco.

379 TOMMY DRAKE

(6'2", 227, 2, 384) Battled Mitsuharu Misawa at a Pro

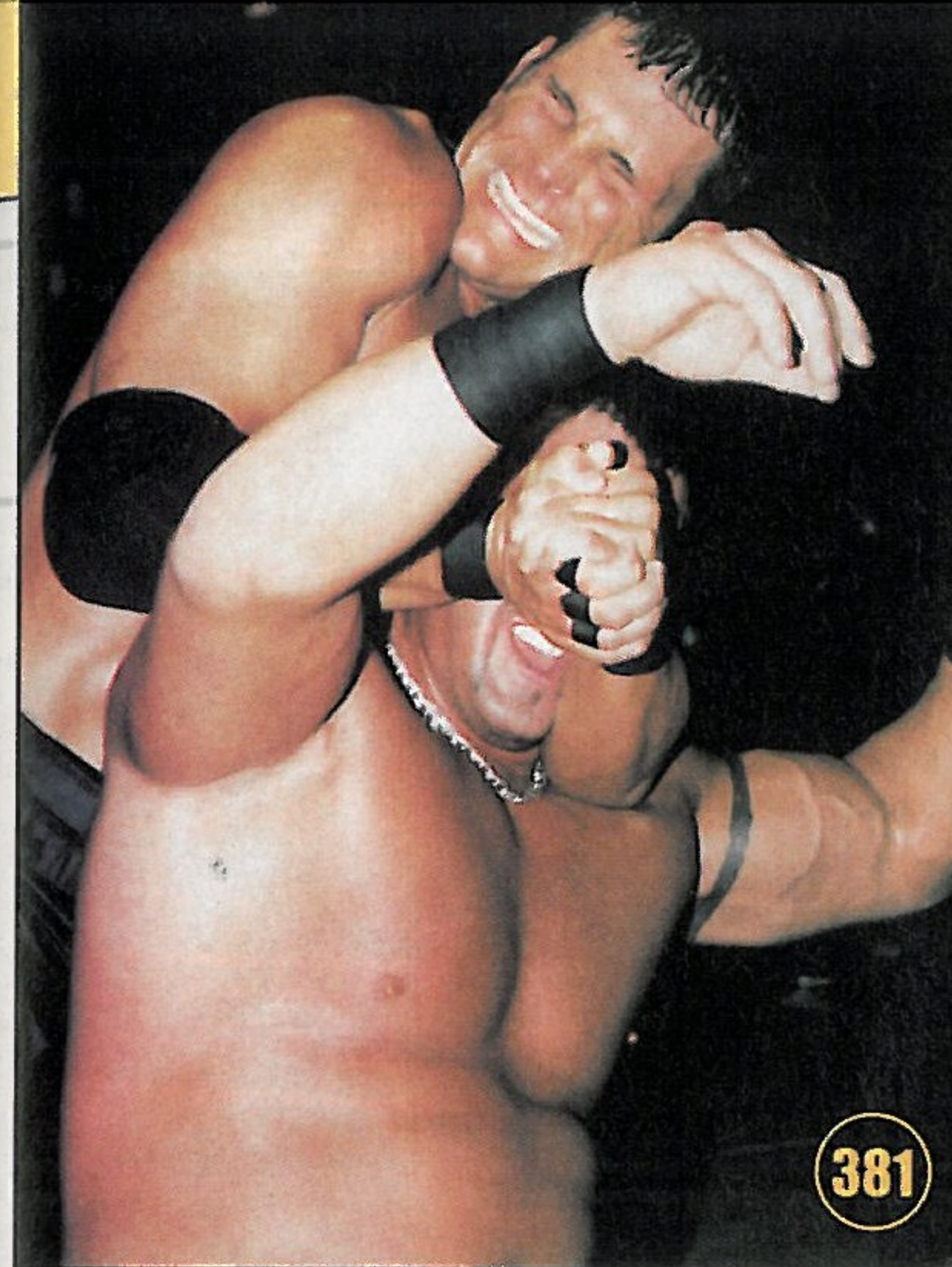


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Wrestling NOAH show in Japan ... Based in California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Also competes in Ultimate Pro Wrestling, Midwest Championship Wrestling, and various Arizona indies ... Hails from Phoenix ... Teams with former rival Bison Smith ... His clash with Smith at a Big Time Wrestling show, held in California last year, is still remembered by those who witnessed it ... Missed three weeks of action due to an injured nose ... Turns his cobra clutch into a devastating sitting neckbreaker ... Possesses a solid physique and main-event look ... Dominated by Maxx Justice during the past year ... Juventud Guerrera has been his most famous foe ... Trained by Michael Modest and Donovan Morgan.

380 DIRK CIGLAR

(6', 215, 4, 399) Reigned as NWA East champ on two occasions during the past year ... Turned against cousin Quinn Magnum and longtime partner Brandon K ... Also held the Keystone Championship Wrestling heavyweight and tag team titles, in addition to the APWF U.S. heavyweight, CWF tag team, and ICW TV championships ... Beat both Christopher Daniels and Nova during a one-week span in August 2002, then followed it up with a victory over Low-Ki the next month ... Wrestled in WWE and NWA-TNA dark matches ... Competed in several other NWA territories, including Jersey, Tri-State, Virginia, Wildside, and New England ... Also wrestles extensively in various West Virginia independents ... Trained at the Pittsburgh Wrestling Academy ... One of his finishing maneuvers is the climax, a version of the senton bomb ... The reverse full nelson submission, however, is his most impressive finisher.



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381 DOUG DELICIOUS

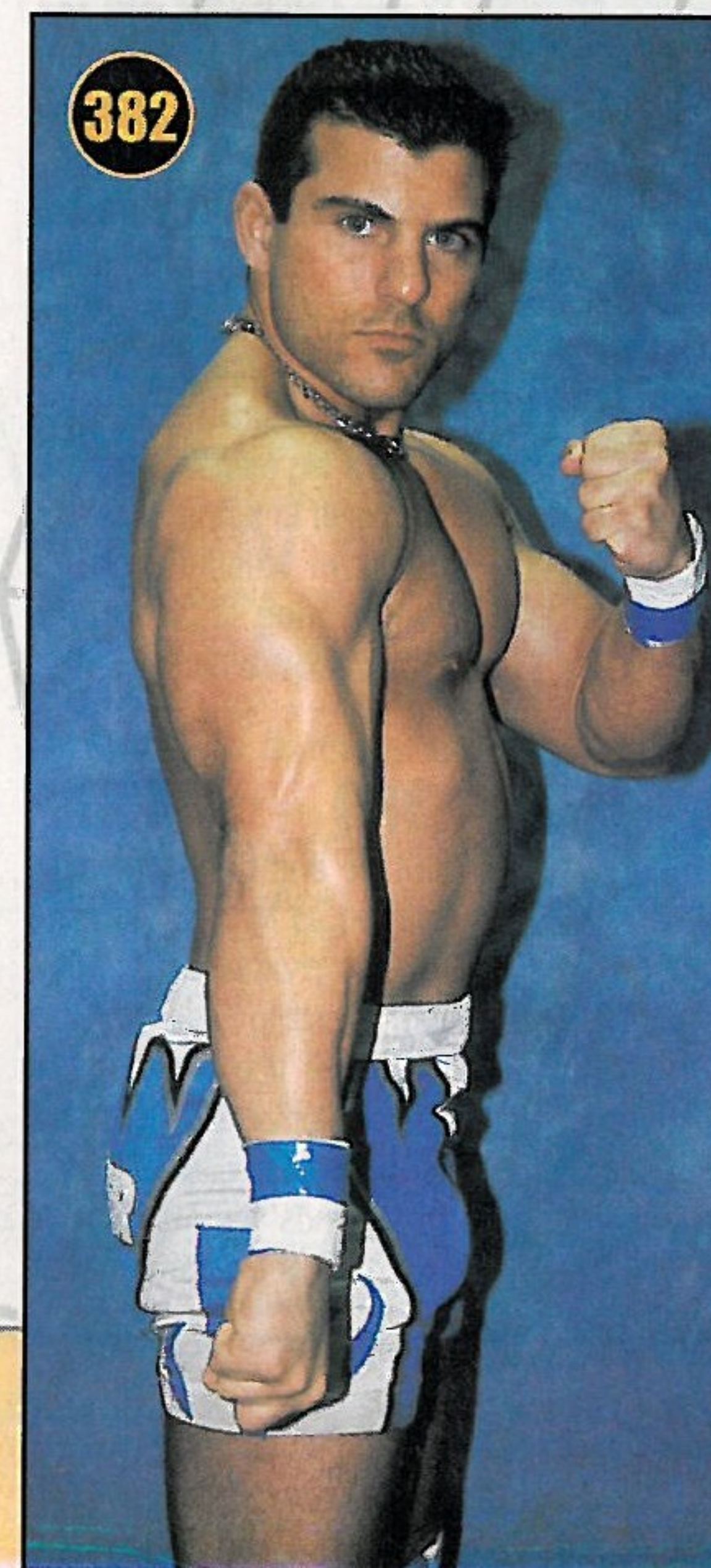
(6'2", 250, 10, NL) This young veteran enjoyed a breakout year ... Dissolved Models Inc., leaving Sydeswype and manager Miss Vanessa behind ... Lost some arrogance, too, and committed himself to becoming a top player on the independent scene ... Scored the biggest win of his career over Buff Bagwell at a Maryland Championship Wrestling show ... Dedicated the victory to his late father ... Defeated Joey Matthews for the MCW Rage TV title on May 15 in Glen Burnie, Maryland ... Finisher is the sweet kiss goodnight, a neckbreaker variation ... Also a long-time headliner in Championship Pro Wrestling ... Competes throughout Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania ... Top rival is Brock Singleton ... Graduated from Neil Superior's Pro Wrestling Training Center ... Trained under former NWA World champion Rick Steamboat as well ... Teamed with C.M. Punk against The Road Warriors in a WWE dark match before a *Smackdown* taping in Baltimore ... His toughest opponents have included Jerry Lawler, Brian Christopher, and Julio Dinero.

382 STRIKER

(5'10", 215, 4, 374) Co-holder of the East Coast Wrestling Association tag team title with Ace Darling ... Looked upon Darling as a mentor to replace his partner, veteran Buck Wyld, who went into retirement ... Joined Darling in defecting to Prince Nana's Royal Decision ... He and Darling must deal with challengers such as the Maximo and Maxx brothers ... Appeared in a commercial

383 VITO THOMASELLI

(5'10", 180, 3, NL) Became the top contender to the GHC junior heavyweight title held by Michael Modest, whom he will face for the belt in the near future ... Frequently wrestles for Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan, although he is based in California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... Also competes in Revolution Championship Wrestling,



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for the 2003 Royal Rumble, as he did for the 2002 King of the Ring ... Also competes in Independent Championship Wrestling, USA Pro Wrestling, Jersey All Pro Wrestling, the Premier Wrestling Federation, and American Championship Wrestling ... Also recently toured England ... Appeared in NWA-TNA ... Formerly known as Matt Striker ... Trained by Johnny Rodz ... Popular with the ladies because of his good looks ... His toughest opponents have included Devon Storm, Xavier, Billy Bax, and Little Guido Maritato (Nunzio) ... Hails from Queens, New York ... The happy monkey is his finisher.

384 RAINMAN

(6'3", 227, 5, NL) This tag team specialist broke out as a singles star this year ... A member of Jeff G. Bailey's NWA Elite ... His brutal and bloody feud with Rick Michaels culminated with NWA Wildside's first-ever barbed-wire match ... Took credit for sending Michaels into retirement ... Defeated Tony Mamaluke in a tournament final at "Christmas Chaos 2002" for the Wildside TV title, his first singles championship ... Successfully defended his belt against Mamaluke, Jeremy V, and Jimmy Rave ... Helped lead an NWA Wildside invasion of Combat Zone Wrestling ... Pinned Trent Acid in an eight-man interpromotional tag team match ... Also faced Danny Rose and Nick Mondo ... Known as "The Soul Assassin" ... Managed by Missy Hyatt in Dory Funk Jr.'s Bang Wrestling ... Held the Bang tag team title with Murder One ... He and Murder One lost the belts to Paul London and Adam Windsor at a Wildside show.

385 JONNY THE BODY

(6', 247, 3, NL) Engaged in a long feud with the U.K.'s Chris Cage that culminated in a brutal chain match held in Jonny's hometown of Worcester, England, on March 1 ... Jonny lost that bout ... Trained by former British judo champion John Brown ... Traveled to the U.S. with his partner, The Gangster, and captured the Allied Powers Wrestling Federation tag team title in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania ... Has also held the Real American, Extreme U.K., and AIWF European championships, in addition to the Lincolnshire tag team title ... Has also won the British Open Middleweight Cup ... Broke his ankle during a battle royal in Trowbridge, England, and was sidelined from September to November 2002 ... Rolled over super heavyweight The English Juggernaut upon his return ... Based in England's ESEW ... He and Shawn Harrigan comprise The Playboys ... Managed by Bunny D.D. ... His finishing move is the hot stuff, a clothesline takedown.

386 JAPANESE POOL BOY

(6'1", 190, 4, 475) Makes a unique ring entrance because he always wears a different outfit and uses different music ... His personalities range from those of bridesmaids to dancing queens ... But he always wears his signature Japanese mask ... Competes in Delaware and Pennsylvania and had a brief stint in Ring of Honor as a second for The Christopher Street Connection ... Reigned as ECWA Mid-Atlantic champion for most of the past year ... Lost to ECWA heavyweight champion Christopher Daniels at April's Super 8 show in what was considered his greatest match to date ... Feuding with Prince Nana, Mega, and Mr. Ooh La La ... Also wrestles in Continental Championship Wrestling ... Appeared in a commercial for the 2003 Royal Rumble ... His toughest opponents have included Low-Ki, Red, and Rich Myers.



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387 ROBIN KNIGHTWING

(5'8", 227, 4, 364) Based in Ontario's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation ... Known as "The Sexy Monkey" ... Feuded with The Zebra Kid in England ... Suffered a groin injury when a set of turnbuckles collapsed under him during a match there ... Unable to defend his AWF ironman title due to the injury ... His brother, Joey

Knight, replaced him in The All-Knights with the rotating duo of Kevin Grace and Arizona ... That caused hostility between the two ... Trained by the Hart family and Ron Hutchison ... The gigolo-plex and the monkey-sault are his signature maneuvers ... Added a modified Death Valley driver to his repertoire ... Embarked on a five-month tour of the U.K. to prepare for the AWF's ironman tournament this summer ... A two-time AWF heavyweight champion.

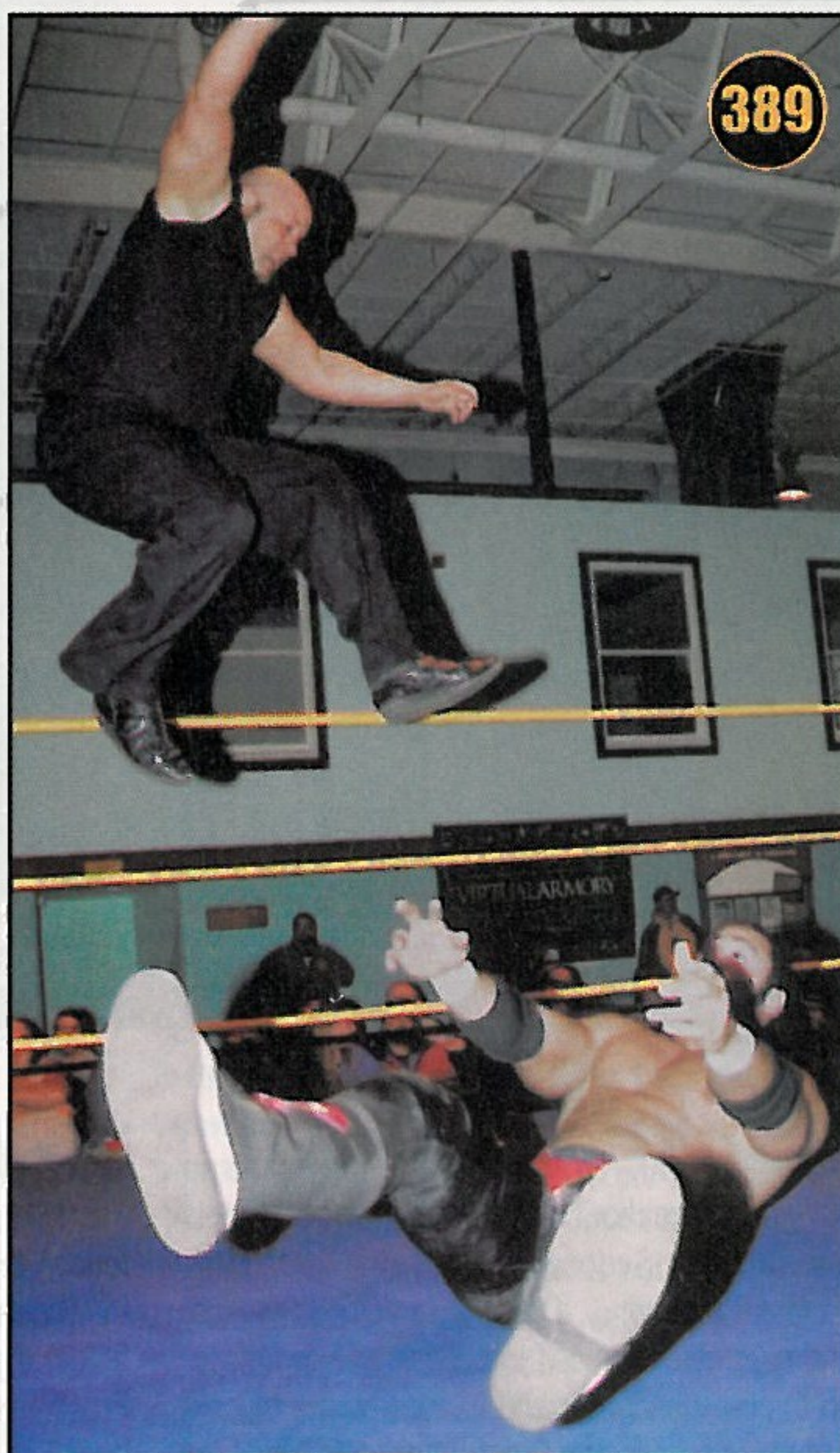
388 STONE MOUNTAIN

(7', 375, 2, NL) Returned to NWA Wildside after a mysterious year-long absence to challenge the 600-pound Iceberg for the heavyweight title in a clash of colossal proportions ... Jeff G. Bailey, Iceberg's manager, placed a restraining order against him ... Had several wild brawls with the champion ... The feud ended in a bloody and brutal steel cage match on the second night of "Hardcore Hell"

when the massive Iceberg jumped off the top rope and splashed Stone Mountain through a table ... His finishing move is the landslide, a version of the Baldo bomb ... Has impressed NWA-TNA and WWE scouts with his size ... While Stone Mountain is considered a big league prospect, he plans to further hone his skills in Wildside for the time being ... A former NWA Wildside champion.

389 DINO DIVINE

(6'1", 255, 4, 366) He and Chad Bowman have had a remarkable run as Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team champions ... They merged the Mid-Eastern Wrestling Federation tag team championship with their title in December 2002 ... The duo defeated Romeo Valentino and The Bruiser in a losers-must-wear-diapers match at MCW's "Tribute To Legends" on May 15 ... Nicknamed "Lunchbox" ... This big brawler likes

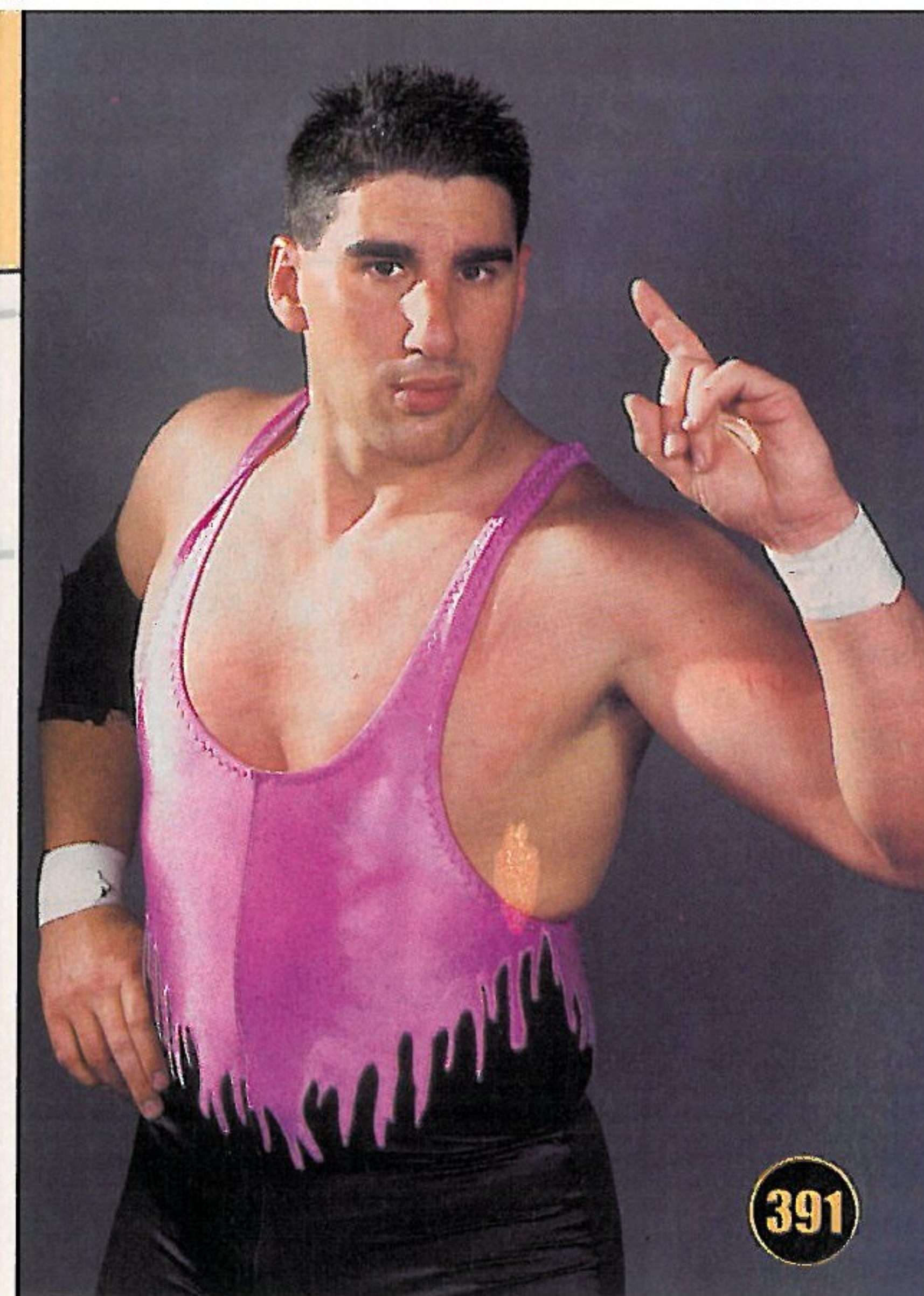


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to have fun in the ring ... After several years of breaking the rules, Divine is one of the most popular figures in MCW ... His refusal to speak and his goofy pantomime are reminiscent of Harpo Marx ... Takes too much guff from Bowman ... The pumphandle power bomb is his favorite finisher ... His toughest opponents have included Jimmy Snuka, Gillberg, and Billy Redwood ... Wrestled Maryland veteran Mad Dog O'Malley in his 1998 debut ... First rose to prominence as Jimmy Cicero's stooge in Total Quality Management.

390 AGENT STEELE

(6'4", 245, 4, NL) Lost the NWA Florida State title to Billy Fives in February ... Managed by his "sex-retary," Tiffany ... Has held the IPW heavyweight and tag team championships ... Holds impressive victories over Chris Chetti, Michael Shane, and Don Montoya ... Almost regained the IPW heavyweight title from Steve Corino in a ladder match, but Rod Steel actually climbed the ladder, grabbed the belt, and was declared the new champion ... Has wrestled in WWE and NWA-TNA dark matches ... Turned against the fans to join The Alliance of Defiance ... His finisher is the Steele curtain, a spinning Rock bottom.



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391 ROMEO VALENTINO

(6'2", 235, 12, 382) The only man to hold every Maryland Championship Wrestling title, including the heavyweight, tag team, and Rage TV belts ... That makes his nickname, "The Cornerstone," all the more appropriate ... Managed by Candie, who turned against long-time boyfriend Ronnie Zuko to join him ... His elbowdrop from the top rope is awesome, due to its height and distance across the ring ... One of the most hated individuals in MCW ... The Bruiser and Billy Redwood are his new running buddies ... He and The Bruiser lost a losers-must-wear-diapers match to MCW tag team champions Chad Bowman and Dino Divine ... They were forced to appear in that night's bunkhouse brawl ... Spent much of the time sucking on a bottle while avoiding the action ... Wrestled Jim Neidhart in his 1991 debut.

392 JONNIE STEWART

(6'1", 279, 17, NL) Hatched a nutty scheme with AWA Wrestling Entertainment President Dale Gagne to retake the AWA's old territories, in addition to pursuing the Gagne family's ultimate dream: surpassing WWE ... Acts out other crazy fantasies, such as wearing a dress and impersonating other wrestlers ... Played pro football with the Los Angeles Inferno ... Made a failed bid for U.S. Congress ... "The Illustrious One" was a regular in the old AWA in its dying final days ... A former AWA champion.

393 STEVE MADISON

(5'11", 217, 2, NL) Battled Lex Lovett, Mike Sullivan, Scoot Andrews, and Antonio Banks in Florida's IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Has also competed in NWA-TNA, CZW, and Fighting of World Japan ... Battled Kensuke Sasaki, Takao Omori, Kenzo Suzuki, and Yoshiaki Yatsu while in the Land of the Rising Sun ... Trained by Steve Keirn, Jimmy Del Ray, and Eddie Guerrero ... Known as "The Modern Miracle" ... A member of Ron Niemi's 911 Inc., along with The Shane Twins ...

Joined Maxx Payne as the only Americans to train in WJ Pro's dojo ... His finisher is the rocket drop, a devastating brainbuster off the top rope.

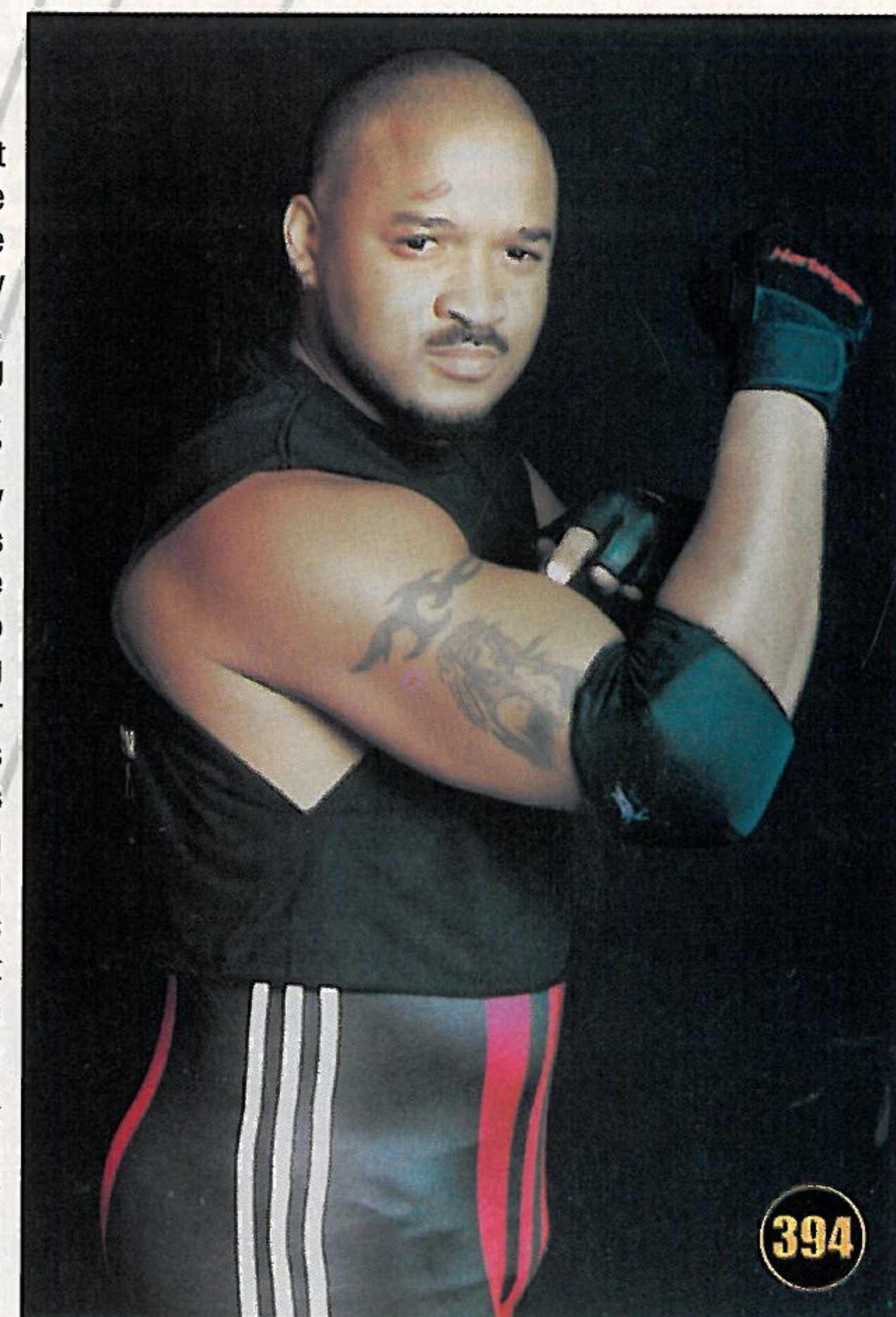
394 J.P. BLACK

(6', 240, 5, 376) Lost the NWA Texas State title to Steve DeMarco at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi ... Has also held the Texas tag team championship ... Nicknamed "The Dark Pony" ... Defeated Mike Anthony in a loser-leaves-Texas match ... Angered Steve Moody when he refused to join his stable, prompting the manager to send Razor Fixx after him ... Just as active in the Northeast as he is in Texas ... Has won titles in New Millennium Wrestling, Eastern States Wrestling, World of Hurt Wrestling, and Tri-State Wrestling ... His finishing maneuvers are the Dark Pony (Texas cloverleaf) and blackout bomb (a fireman's carry into a power bomb) ... Also competes in Oklahoma and Florida ...

Honing his scientific skills with the help of Rudy Boy Gonzalez.

395 SCOTT SAVAGE

(6', 193, 2, NL) Competed from coast to coast in Canada during the past year ... Toured the Atlantic Maritimes with Real Action Wrestling ... Rivals included Bobby Rude, Vance Nevada, Mike Hughes, Eddie Watts, and Chi Chi Cruz ... Made it to the final to determine the first RAW light heavyweight champ ... Lost the Canadian unified junior heavyweight title to Lincoln Steen after a five-month reign ... Toured Nova Scotia with Mainstream Wrestling, and Ontario with the NWA's Canadian Wrestling Federation ... Trained with Rick Titan, Jerry Morrow, and Bad News Allen in the Hybrid Wrestling Coalition ... Wrestled in the 2003 Pacific Cup tournament ... Defeated the much larger Steve Wild for the Can-Am Wrestling Federation championship during a tour of the Northwest Territories ... Lost the belt to arch-rival Steve Rivers ... His finisher is a flying bodypress from the top rope.



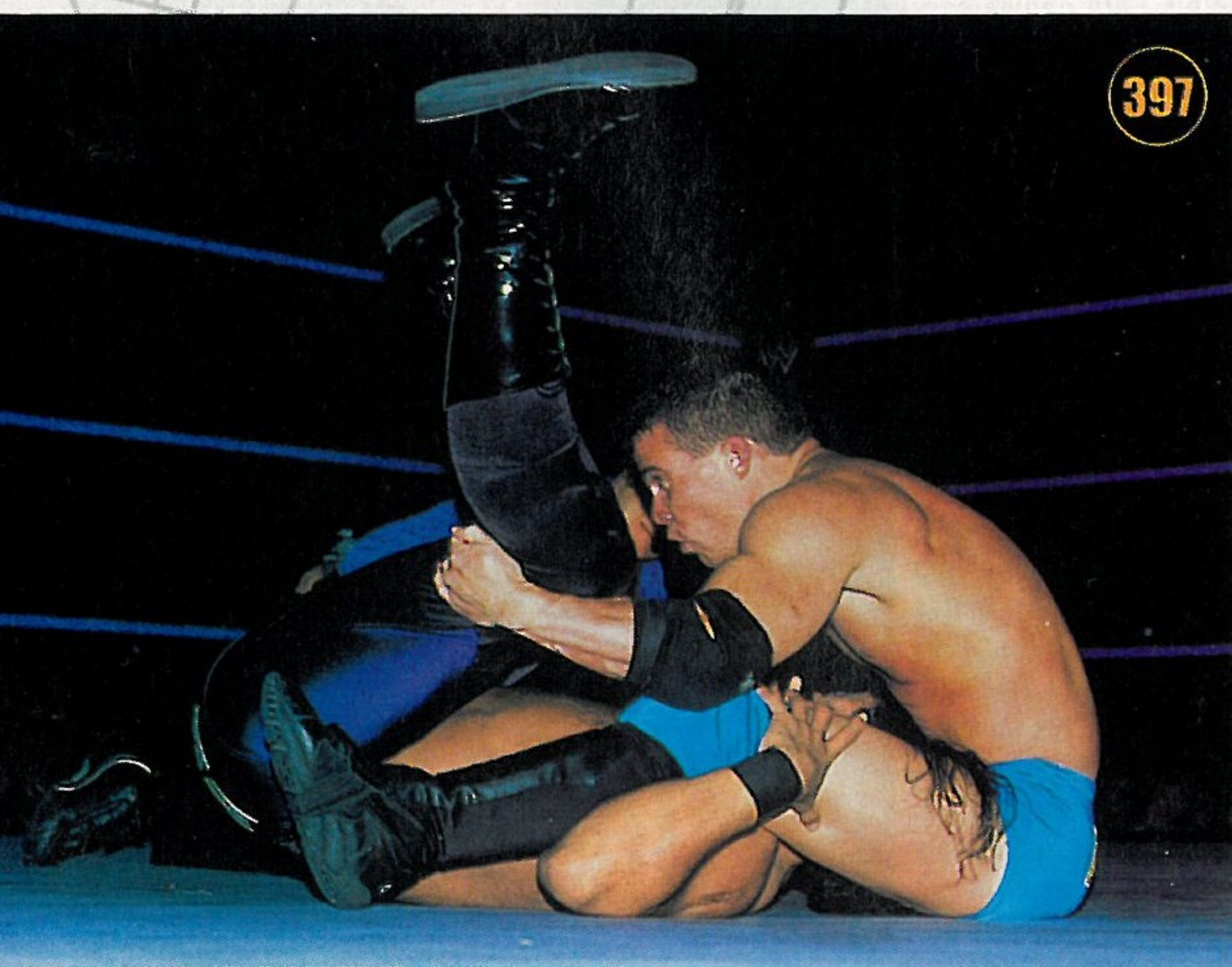
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396 BEAU DOUGLAS

(6'2", 225, 4, NL) Lost the NWA New England championship, then displayed his bitterness by turning against the fans ... Formed the TWO with Kyle Storm, Jason Rumble, and Amber ... Feuded with Rick Fuller, then turned his attention to The Seven ... Held the New England tag team title with Storm for a short time ... The TWO soon dissolved ... Teamed with Todd Hanson to capture the UCW and New England tag team championships again ... Hails from Hollywood, California ... His finisher is the larger than life, a pumphandle turned into a side-walk slam ... Jason Rumble, Slyk Wagner Brown, and Trooper Gilmore are among his toughest opponents ever ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PWI 500" at 399.

397 TYSON DUX

(5'9", 192, 6, 484) Wrestles primarily in Ontario, most notably in Maximum Pro Wrestling ... Co-holder of the MXPW tag team title with El Tornado ... Has become popular with the fans, who are enamored with his in-ring ability and frequent dancing ... Appeared on *Velocity* ... Resides in Toronto ... Trained by Scott D'Amore ... Rose to local prominence in Border City Wrestling, where he feuded with The Syndicate.



398 JOSH PROHIBITION

(6', 200, 2, NL) Feuded with Nick Berk and M-Dogg 20 in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Battled Xtreme Pro Wrestling tag team champions Damien 666 and Halloween with various partners ... Also faced New Era Pro U.S. tag team champions Johnny Heartbreaker and Mike Preston in Ohio ... Shark Boy is another persistent rival ... Has held the XPW, NEPW U.S., and Cleveland All Pro tag team championships, in addition to the Mid-Ohio cruiserweight title ... The T-bone Prohibition-plex and the sobriety test are his finishers ... Current partners include Matt Cross and M-Dogg 20 ... Also appears in the International Wrestling Cartel, Juggalo Championship Wrestling, and IWA Mid-South.

399 FRANK MURDOCH

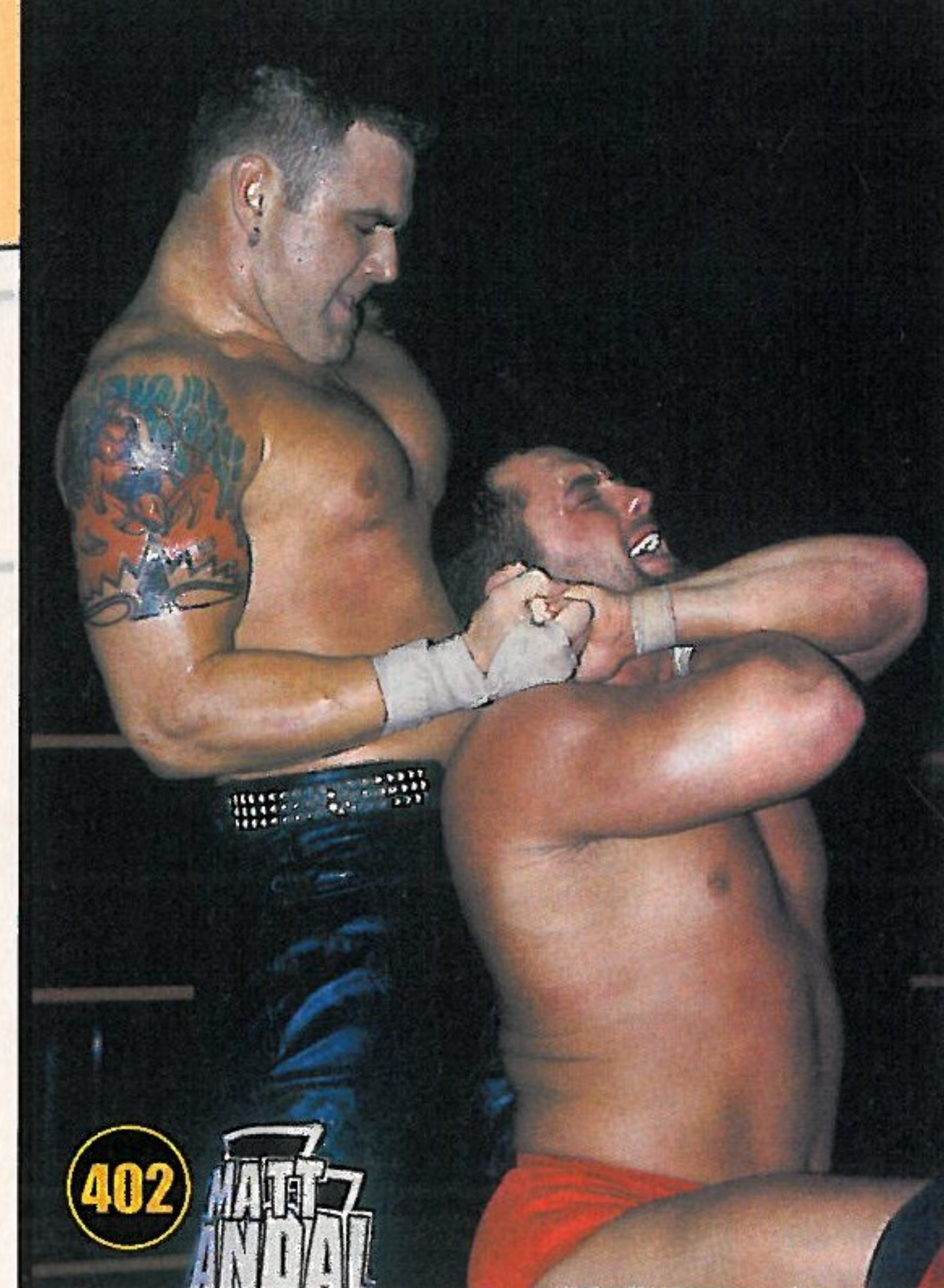
(6'1", 265, 15, NL) Made a comeback to pro wrestling after a two-year retirement ... Decided to relaunch his career in California's Pro Wrestling Iron ... His crushing suplexes, decapitating clotheslines, and undeniable mean streak are on display every time he steps into the ring ... Winning matches and drinking beer are his idea of a balanced career ... "If you want pretty, buy a poster of Donovan Morgan," he says ... His finishing maneuver is the German suplex ... Teams with Bart Blaxton ... Wrestles as either a fan favorite or heel, depending on his mood ... Competed in All Pro Wrestling at the time of his retire-



ment ... A former APW universal heavyweight and tag team champ ... Has wrestled throughout the U.S. ... His hometown is Gooding, Idaho ... Boasts an accomplished background as a former amateur wrestling champion and football standout, despite his reputation as a brawler ... Originally trained by Buzz Sawyer, and later trained by Ric Thompson and Michael Modest.

400 BOB EVANS

(6'3", 240, 11, 405) "Brutal" Bob is a mainstay in New England Championship Wrestling where he is always a top contender for the heavyweight belt ... One of the stronger veterans on the NECW roster ... Still relatively young at 30 years old, but he has more than a decade of experience to his credit ... Held the NECW title twice so far ... Quite possibly the best talker in that promotion ... Has feuded with Alex Arion, Slyk Wagner Brown, and Doug Williams ... Trained by Gino Caruso and Jeff Costa ... Has competed in WWE dark matches ... Sometimes wrestles for other New England-based independents ... Uses a move called the ugly stick slam-plex as his finisher ... A former Green Mountain Wrestling champion.



401 J.C. BAILEY

(6', 189, 2, NL) Based in Kentucky's Bad 2 the Bone Wrestling ... Respected for his fearlessness in ultraviolent matches ... Madman Pondo once gave him a superplex from the top of a scaffold and onto 20,000 yards of barbed-wire weaved into a net 18 feet below ... Battled Vortex in a barefoot thumbtack death match ... Power-bombed through flaming ring floorboards by Necro Butcher ... Has wrestled Chris Hero, C.M. Punk, Simon Sezz, American Kickboxer, Terik the Great, and Todd Morton (Michael Todd Stratton) in less violent bouts ... A former IWA lightweight champ.

402 MATT VANDAL

(6'4", 275, 3, 443) Won the vacant Phoenix Championship Wrestling title in a match against Frankie Kazarian ... Also competes in NWA Tri-State and the Mid-Atlantic region ... Has also made occasional appearances in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling and ECWA ... Teamed with Jerry Lynn during the past year ... Feuded with Malice and Seven ... Wrestled in an NWA-TNA dark match ... Utilizes both the standing and sitout power bombs ... His size and power makes him one of the most promising youngsters on the East Coast ... His most persistent rival has been Julio Dinero.

403 EARL THE PEARL

(5'10", 214, 8, 362) He and Rich Myers comprise The Holy Rollers ... They beat rivals Joey Matthews and Christian York in a falls-count-anywhere match, with the stipulation that the losers could no longer team in Maryland Championship

Wrestling ... The Rollers became the most popular team in MCW after firing manager Platinum Nat ... Teamed with Myers and Lucifer to beat Corporal Punishment, Buzz Stryker, and Derek Wayne in a blindfold match, with Lita serving as the special referee, at MCW's "Tribute To Legends" on May 15 ... Once defeated The Honky Tonk Man and Stevie Richards on the same night.

404 DANNY GARNELL

(5'10", 215, 4, NL) Made his first appearance outside his native U.K. to face Johnny Moss at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... His rivalry with Moss over the NWA U.K.

title consumed most of the past year ... Also wrestled in Ireland ... Signature maneuver is the DGT, a spinning DDT ... Turned against his fans and now breaks the rules ... Beat Transatlantic Wrestling Challenge champion Tank ... Highly skilled in mat-based submission grappling ... Based in NWA U.K.-Hammerlock.

405 SCOTT BISHOP

(5'10", 237, 22, 331) Concentrating on singles competition because his U.S. Marshals partner, Jason Justice, is sidelined with knee and back injuries ... Won the Volunteer Championship Wrestling and Tennessee State titles in a Battle of Champions Tournament ... Suffered a broken wrist and four broken knuckles during that event ... Also held the UCW and TCW belts ... The kill-o-tine is his signature maneuver ... Utilizes an aggressive submission style.

406 2-DOPE

(5'11", 215, 5, 378) Became a major singles threat in Maryland Championship Wrestling this year ... Recently lost the MCW cruiserweight title to Adam Flash ... Initially considered just a brawler, but has worked hard to develop his technical skills ... Surprised opponents with his dropkick and a solid legdrop from the top rope ... Probably won't reunite with Ghetto Mafia partner Sydeswype, who turned against him last year ... Has also held the Rage TV belt and MCW tag strap ... His toughest opponents have included The Bushwhackers, Doug Delicious, and Billy Redwood.

407 BRYAN WENZEL

(6'1", 235, 4, 368) Competes in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and, occasionally Hawaii ... Defended the IHPW title against former ECW World champion Justin Credible ... Nicknamed "The Raging Beast" ... Teamed with Brian Lawler to defeat Chris Candido and Steve Corino for his fourth WXW tag team title reign ... Sometimes reunites with his old Moon-dogs 2000 partner, Molsonn ... His finishers are the spear and wonka driver, a spinning rock bottom ... A former East Coast Pro champion.

408 SHORTY SMALLS

(5'7", 250, 7, NL) Competes in KYDA Pro Wrestling, the House of Pain Wrestling Federation, the Pro Wrestling Alliance, and other promotions throughout the East ... Doesn't know whether to be a tough guy or join Chucky Wynn's "Be Happy" tour ... Teased the idea of donning the smiley face T-shirt and dancing with the fans, but turned against Wynn and company ... Also attacked partner Ranger Eppard after a tag team match ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PWI 500" at 290.

409 MAJOR DeBEERS

(5'11", 270, 27, NL) Dominated Jimmy Cicero and Brian Perry in Southern Championship Wrestling ... Feuded with Malaki over the SCW brass knuckles title ... Turned fan favorite several years ago after wrestling as a heel for most of his career ... The tombstone piledriver is his finisher ... Still breaks out his favorite maneuver, the people's ass, on occasion ... Has wrestled under various identities ... A former SCW heavyweight and North Carolina State champion ... Competed in the WWF, NWA, AWA, and Mid-South in the 1970s, '80s, and early-'90s.

410 STEVE RIVERS

(5'11", 245, 12, NL) Defeated Gary Williams to begin his third Can-Am Wrestling Federation title reign ... Also beat Scott Savage for that belt during the past year ... Competes throughout Western Canada ... His "All-American" nickname annoys Canadian fans ... His finisher is the shallow river, a version of the crossface ... Trained primarily by Ross Hart and Davey Boy Smith ... Rose to prominence in Stampede Wrestling ... Dropped the Commonwealth mid-heavyweight title to Chris Jericho in the early-1990s ... Lost to Col. Mustafa (The Iron Sheik) in his 1991 debut, which took place at a WWF show.

411 JUDAS YOUNG

(5'9", 176, 5, 372) Returned to action in October 2002 following shoulder surgery ... Suffered that injury during a World Xtreme Wrestling show last year ... Competes throughout the Northeast, most notably in Jersey Championship Wrestling ... Later tore the ACL in his right knee and is awaiting another surgery date ... Expected to miss five to six months for rehabilitation ... Has served as a frequent special referee in the meantime ... Manages Talent Relations Inc., which includes Crowbar (Devon Storm) and Inferno, in IHPW ... Host of "The Mosh Pit," live interview segments that have included Beetlejuice, Howard Stern's dwarf pal, as a guest.

412 T.J. POWERS

(6'1", 253, 21, NL) Competes in Circle City Wrestling, Hoosier Pro Wrestling, International Pro Wrestling, Championship International Wrestling, and the World Renowned Wrestling Association, among many others ... Holds the WRW and MWA heavyweight titles, in addition to the IWF tag team championship ... Known as "The Superstar" ... Trained by "Mr. Electricity" Steve Regal ... Also held championships in CIW, the RWA, the MSWA, HPW, and CCW during the past year alone ... Based in Indiana ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PWI 500" at 382.

413 QENAN CREED

(5'10", 205, 4, 335) A two-time Maryland Championship Wrestling cruiserweight champ ... Career hit a slump in 2002-'03 ... The spinning karate kick, frog splash, and cross bodyblock from the top rope are his most impressive moves ... Insists on breaking the rules despite his considerable aerial skills ... That might have something to do with his bad attitude and big mouth ... Held the Future Wrestling Alliance tag team title with Tommy Idol in Florida ... His toughest opponents have included Reckless Youth, Mike Quackenbush, Scoot Andrews, The Amazing Red, and Xavier ... Wrestled Cueball Carmichael in his 1999 debut.

414 MOZART FONTAINE

(5'9", 201, 4, 418) A mainstay in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Managed by E.S. Easton ... Spent most of 2002-'03 trying to regain the Mid-Atlantic title ... Has a love-hate relationship with frequent partner Mr. Ooh La La ... His toughest opponents have included Japanese Pool Boy, Cheetah Master, the Maximo

brothers, the Maxx brothers, Devon Storm, and Gillberg ... Broke Joey Maxx's nose, which required surgery ... Has long, flowing hair that he is constantly primping ... Feuded with The Patriot in Continental Championship Wrestling ... Loves classical music.

415 TERRY ALAN

(5'8", 209, 10, 390) Defeated Bo Johnson for the Central Wrestling Alliance title ... Won the 2003 King of the Bluegrass Tournament ... Joined Rick Morton to defeat Landell and Tommy Green at the CWA's Slamfest 2 in Georgetown, Kentucky ... Teamed with his mentor, Jimmy Valiant ... A spinning DDT is his finisher ... Captured the Dawghouse Wrestling Alliance belt at Revenge 2 in Alton, Kentucky ... Pinned Tommy Lee in his 1993 debut ... Best known for his rivalry with Maddawg ... Calls himself "Terrific" Terry ... Known simply as "T.A." to his friends.

416 RODERICK STRONG

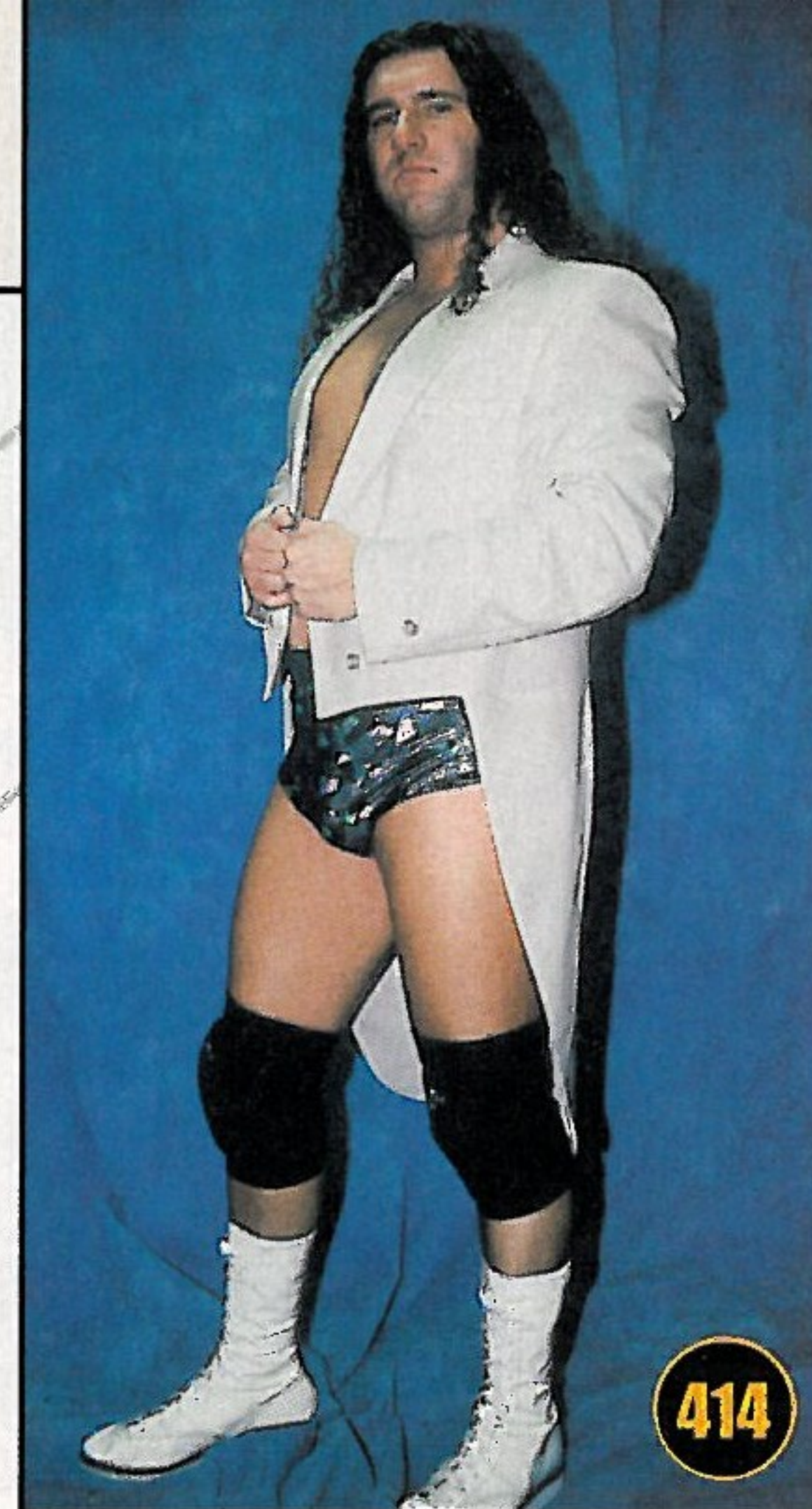
(5'10", 205, 3, NL) A member of the hated Alliance of Defiance, along with Scoot Andrews, Rod Steel, Mike Sullivan, and Agent Steele ... Resides in Tampa, Florida ... Held the IPW tag team title with his brother, Sedrick ... They lost the belts to Andrews and Sullivan in a brutal cage match on September 20 of last year ... Turned against Sedrick to join the AOD ... Wrestled in an NWA-TNA dark match ... Also competed in NWA Wildside and Jersey All-Pro Wrestling ... His finisher is the X-blocker, a Razor's edge he turns into a Diamond cutter.

417 ERIC EVERLAST

(6'4", 245, 4, 410) Teams with Kevin Dunn ... Managed by Marty Vain ... Nickname is "The Exceptional Icon" ... Competes in several New England promotions, including World of Hurt Wrestling, Tri-State Wrestling, Rochester Pro Wrestling, and Eastern States Wrestling ... Beat Hoss for the WOHW U.S. title ... Held the TV belt in the now-defunct New Millennium Wrestling ... The famouser is his finishing move ... Dropped the final match of a four-month feud to the rookie Texas Outlaw when the ring broke, causing Everlast to lose ... Holds a black belt in judo ... Trained by Killer Kowalski.

418 THE GODFATHER

(6', 225, 3, 451) Still attracts a cult following in Ontario's Apocalypse Wrestling Federation ... Wears full fishing gear to the ring and carries a



fishing pole and tackle box ... Hails from Newfoundland ... Also known by his real name, Billy Flynn ... Trained by Ron Hutchison ... Joined Danny Dynamic and Jimmy Snuka Sr. to wallop Joey Knight, Arizona, and Zaquary Springate III in February ... His favorite holds are the lobster trap and Boston crab ... Vows he could kick look-alike Tom Green's "skinny ass."

419 JOHNNY MAXX

(6'4", 225, 4, 439) Formed a team with his younger brother, Joey, in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... The Maxx brothers have battled Ace Darling and Striker, Prince Nana and Mega, the Maximo brothers, and Billy Bax and Rob Eckos ... His in-ring skills have improved tremendously ... Gaining in popularity as well ... Appears as a singles competitor in Pennsylvania's Continental Championship Wrestling ... His finisher is the maximum overdrive ... Cites Thunder, Buck Wyld, and Vince Goodnite as his inspirations ... Best remembered for his victory over Japanese Pool Boy in a coal miner's glove match last year.

420 ROCKIN' REBEL

(6', 246, 14, NL) Hated in Combat Zone Wrestling because he insults fans on the microphone before his matches ... Has wrestled for dozens of regional promotions, in addition to the WWF, WCW, ECW, Puerto Rico, and Japan ... Trained by former NWA World tag team champions The Rock 'n' Roll Express ... A member of the original ECW roster ... He and Glen Osbourne were once known as Darkside ... Known for his adaptability in the ring.

421 J-ROCC

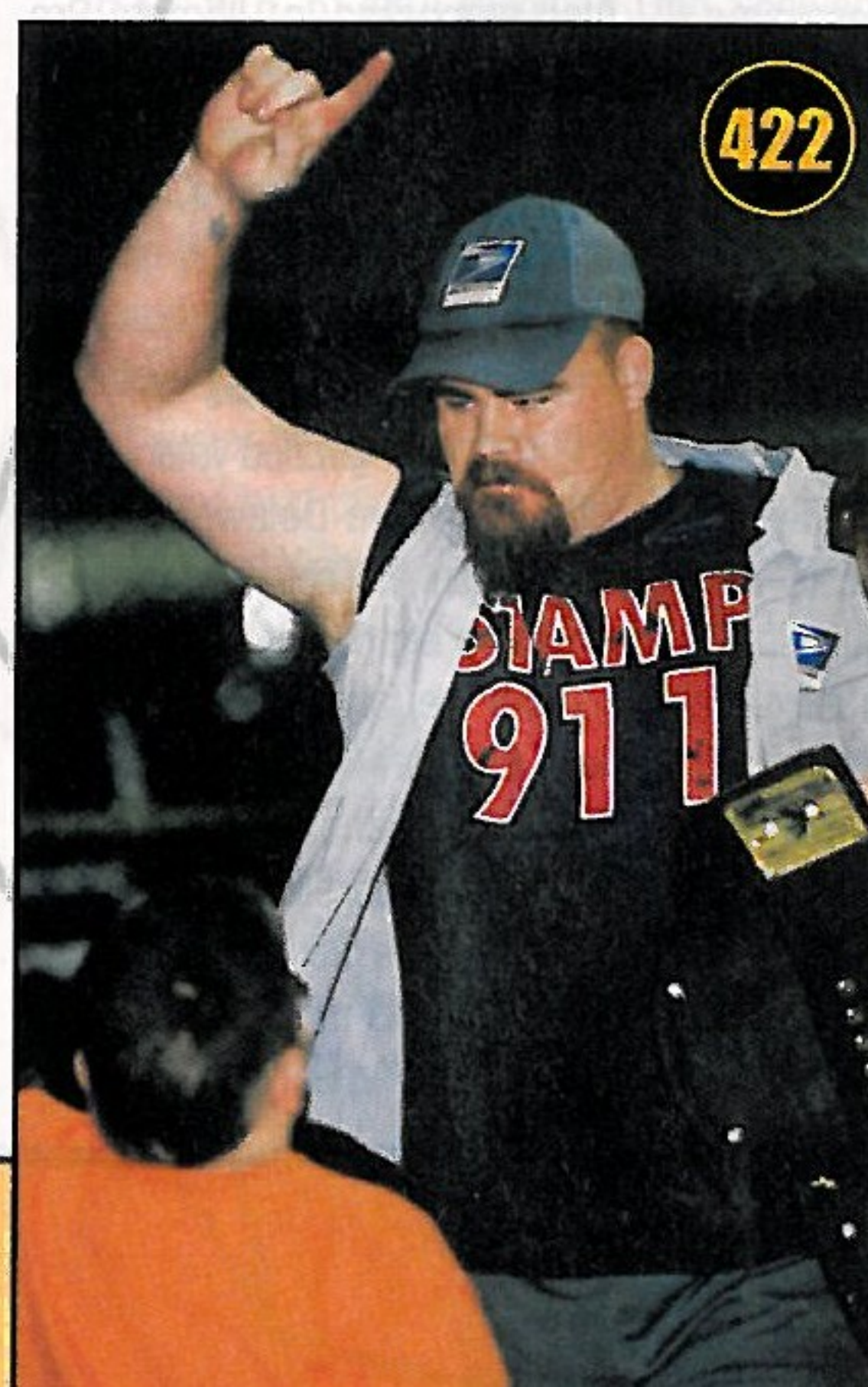
(6'2", 232, 5, 409) Streamlined his physique and improved his conditioning ... Competes primarily in Ohio, most notably in New Era Pro Wrestling ... Defeated four men in one day to become the NEPW King of the Fair in August 2002 ... Feuded with referee Richard Weede ... Teamed with Chris Kole to beat Julio Dinero and Chris Hamrick for the Cleveland All-Pro North American tag team title ... Won the Trans-National belt in his PWC debut ... He and Kole lost the North American tag belts to Josh Prohibition and M-Dogg ... Scored two clean wins over Gangrel ... Also held the CCW and NEPW X tag titles with Fabulous ... The current NEPW triple crown champion.

422 STAMP LICKAGE

(6'6", 330, 6, 461) Considered one of the last members of the National Wrestling Federation's "old guard" ... The current NWF champion ... Defeated Prince Justice in early-2003 ... Also competes in World Wide Wrestling ... Relies on power maneuvers and holds such as the 911 choke-slam and the letter opener, a version of the torture rack ... Likes to walk along the top rope, leading into a bulldog ... Brian Beech is his most persistent enemy ... Capable of "going postal" at any moment ... Has held the NWF tag team title with T-Mail.

423 HUMAN TIME BOMB

(5'7", 205, 4, 402) Missed six months of action, but never disclosed the reason ... Returned to the Heartland Wrestling Association with a grudge against all female wrestlers ... Attacked several HWA divas, particularly Bobbi Jablonski and A.J. ... Seeking a match with promoter and former wrestler Les Thatcher ... Has held the HWA tag team title on two occasions ...



Has a strained relationship with former partner Nigel McGuinness ... His finisher is the straight jacket ... Failed to win the cruiserweight belt during a feud with B.J. Whitmer.

424 ROLLIN' HARD

(6', 285, 6, 432) Refocused on singles competition after partner Mitch Page took a hiatus ... Dumped manager Dave Prazak and became a fan favorite in IWA Mid-South again ... Approached by Steve Stone to be his partner, but was offended by Stone's racist comments about another team, Muslims in Training ... That's very enlightened for Rollin' Hard, a white guy who possesses a variety of afro wigs and once claimed to be "the food stamp champ" ... Attacked by Muslims in Training, anyway, because they were disgusted that Hard thought he was black ... A former IWA heavyweight and tag team champ.

425 TEJAS

(6'2", 268, 4, 411) This Native American competes throughout the South and Midwest ... Co-holds both the NWA Wisconsin and ACW Louisiana/Texas tag team titles ... Also wrestled for NFW and BPW ... Battled Jim Duggan, Jake Roberts, Horace the Psychopath, and The Overboyz during the past year ... Negotiating to appear in NWA Southwest in the near future ... A former Texas Wrestling Association and Texas Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Has wrestled in WWE dark matches.

426 DEWEY CHEATUM

(5'8", 160, 5, 429) Captured the Southern Championship Wrestling title in December 2002 ... Cheatum and C.W. Anderson held the SCW tag team belts ... Considers Anderson his mentor, although they have a volatile relationship ... Usually outweighed and overpowered by his opponents ... Relies on his speed and intelligence ... Has also held the North Carolina State title, along with the World Wrestling Organization and Atlantic Coast Championship Wrestling lightweight straps ... His favorite maneuver is the Dewey driver ... Competes throughout the South, especially in North Carolina, and in the Premier Wrestling Federation in Pennsylvania.

427 JOEY CORMAN

(5'6", 170, 5, 377) Competes in Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Texas ... Also wrestled several matches in Mexico ... Usually teams with Samir ... They've been both the best

of friends and worst of enemies ... They began wrestling as Halloween this year, but still appear as The Overboyz in some places ... Corman and Samir won the NAWA, HIW, TPW, and TXW tag team titles all within two months this year ... They are still the SPW tag team champions ... The duo also battled Paul London and A.J. Styles at a LWE show ... Has held the NWA Southwest junior heavyweight belt ... Calls himself "Playboy."

428 RICH MYERS

(5'10", 221, 13, 356) Teams with Earl the Pearl as The Holy Rollers, former Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team titleholders ... The duo began hearing some cheers after firing Platinum Nat last year ... He and Earl beat Joey Matthews and Christian York in a falls-count-anywhere match, with the stipulation that the losers must never team in MCW again ... The Rollers were attacked by their stooges, Church and Genesis, and have since become one of the most popular teams in the promotion ... Has worked for WWF and WCW ... The Holy Cross neckbreaker is his finisher.

429 BRUISER BENNETT

(6'1", 240, 14, NL) This fan favorite is nearing his second year as the Ultra Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Defeated arch-rival Gryphon at Mass Hysteria 5, despite interference by Zain and Joey Pringle ... Now feuding with Jon Douglas ... Has also competed in the International Wrestling Association, Texas All-Pro Wrestling, Texas All-Star Wrestling, Texas Championship Wrestling, and Texas Outlaw Promotions, among many others ... His finisher is the Texas tumbleweed, a rolling neckbreaker ... Appeared as a medical examiner in the movie *Skins* ... Has been ranked in the "PWI 500" for eight of the past nine years.

430 E.C. NEGRO

(6', 220, 2, NL) He and K.C. Blade comprise The Dirty Rotten Scoundrelz ... Competes throughout the Northeast ... Based in New York's USA Pro Wrestling ... The Brolic buffalo legdrop and the dirty rotten driver are his finishers ... The Dirty Rotten Scoundrelz beat the S.A.T. for the USA Pro tag team title in a ladder match ... They have also held the Jersey All-Pro, Jersey Championship Wrestling, Pro Wrestling Alliance, and Long Island Wrestling Federation tag team titles ... Their rivals have included The Shaolin Wrecking Crew, Los Boricuas, The Solution, and All Money Is Legal ... Defeated Wrecka for the LIWF TV title in his 2001 debut.

431 ROD BELL

(6'2", 252, 12, 474) Joined NWWA/PCW executive Bill Kennedy in trying to control indy wrestling throughout the Midwest, with stops in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Iowa ... Beat Maniac Maverick for the NWWA/PCW title in November 2002 ... Defended the title against Jim Duggan, Jackknife, Vladimir Romanoff, and Predator ... Teams with J.T. Sexxy ... One of the last proteges of Dick the Bruiser ... House of Representatives Majority Leader Tom DeLay appointed him an honorary chairman of the Business Advisory Council in 2003 ... And people call Bill Kennedy "the most political man in wrestling."

432 SONJAY DUTT

(5'8", 185, 2, NL) Calls himself "The Original Playa From The Himalaya" ... His three-way match with Chris Cash and Ruckus for Combat Zone Wrestling was considered one of CZW's best matches of 2002-'03 ... Also competed in CZW's Best of the Best 3 Junior Heavyweight Tournament and IPW Hardcore Wrestling's Jeff Peterson Memorial Cup ... Feuded with Hype Gotti in Nebraska's Pro Wrestling Finest ... Debuted in NWA Wildside in 2000 ... Held the XICW junior heavyweight belt ... Also competes in NWA Tri-State and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region ... Often accompanied by Frenchy DePardeux ... His signature moves are the Sonjay star press and the phoenix splash.

433 THE BRUISER

(6'2", 305, 5, 352) Five-time former Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder ... Formed an alliance with Romeo Valentino and Billy Redwood ... This former headliner is adjusting to standing in the shadow of the more charismatic Valentino ... He and Valentino dropped a losers-must-wear-diapers match to MCW tag team champions Chad Bowman and Dino Divine ... Liked the taste of his pacifier ... Known for his Bruise-mission finisher and bone-jarring suplexes ... One of the biggest and strongest men ever to compete regularly in the promotion ... Once held the MCW tag team title with Lawler ... His short temper has cost him several important matches.

434 K.C. BLADE

(6', 206, 2, NL) Based in New York's USA Pro Wrestling ... He and E.C. Negro comprise The Dirty Rotten Scoundrelz ... They compete throughout the Northeast ... His finishers are the

spinebuster and dirty rotten driver ... The Dirty Rotten Scoundrelz beat the S.A.T. for the USA Pro tag team title in a ladder match ... They have also held the Jersey All-Pro, Jersey Championship Wrestling, Pro Wrestling Alliance, and Long Island Wrestling Federation tag team titles ... The Shaolin Wrecking Crew, Los Boricuas, The Solution, and All Money Is Legal have been among their rivals.

435 THE PROPHET

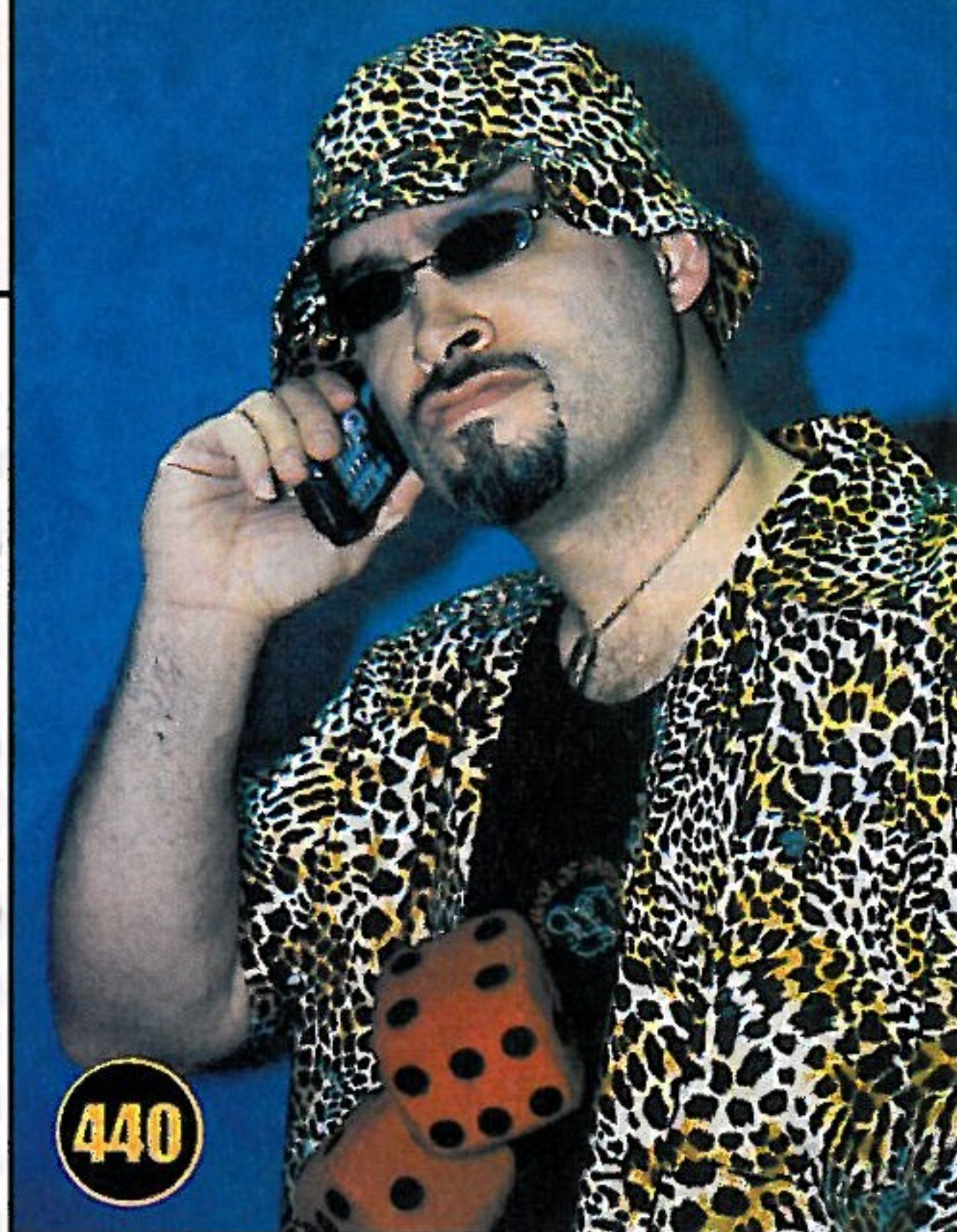
(6'6", 235, 3, 483) Held the Phoenix Championship Wrestling tag team title during the past year ... Battled Three Minute Warning and Charlie Haas in the Russ Haas Memorial Cup Tournament ... His signature maneuvers are the figure-four dreadlock and the peace treaty ... Competes in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania ... Dislikes Da Hit Squad, Kappa Tappa Kegga, and Precious Metal ... Made appearances in NWA-TNA ... Joined OWW in May and is hoping to be noticed by WWE talent scouts ... Battled Joe Gunn in wrestling's first "produce" match last year ... Rumored to be a close friend of famed hotline psychic Miss Cleo.

436 SAMIR

(5'9", 170, 3, 493) Remains a partner and rival of Joey Corman ... They are the current SPW tag team champions ... Samir and Corman have also held the HIW, TXW, TPW, ACW, and CWA tag team titles ... They lost a bout to Paul London and A.J. Styles in Fort Worth, Texas ... Won the PCW junior heavyweight championship, but was stripped of it due to injury ... Suffered broken fingers, broken teeth, and a severely injured knee this year ... Hails from Chicago.

437 NOVA CAIN

(6'2", 265, 4, 414) Formed Under Construction with his student Jagged ... They went on a five-month undefeated streak before defeating Ground Zero for the Northern Championship Wrestling tag team title ... Beat Julie the Red Fox for the NCW women's belt ... Under Construction lost the tag straps, ending their streak at eight months ... Also dropped the women's championship back to Julie the Red Fox ... Jagged joined a fellow student, Shane Matthews, in turning against their teacher ... Nova teamed with his cousin Blaze to defeat them ... Based in Quebec, but did venture to the U.S. to wrestle for Vermont's Slam Wrestling.



438 JOEY MAXX

(6', 165, 1, NL) Formed a popular team with his older brother, Johnny, in the East Coast Wrestling Association ... Challenged ECWA tag team champions Ace Darling and Striker ... His gritty determination makes up for his lack of size ... His nose was broken by Mozart Fontaine ... Bounced back after surgery without missing much time ... Also competes in JCW, the NYWC, the WWA, ICW, SSCW, and other promotions throughout the Northeast ... Feuding with Dan Barry in several indies ... Also wrestles as Johnny Ova in the Northeast ... Trained by John Curse and Mike Mayhem.

439 KENNY KING

(6', 210, 1, NL) Some say he was cheated out of *Tough Enough 2* when two women—Linda Miles and Jackie Gayda—won the competition ... Might have burned his bridges with WWE after being so vocal in protest ... Made his professional debut in the Ultimate Wrestling Federation last year ... Had won 55 out of 105 matches as of press time ... Also competed in Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Only 21 years old ... Still hoping to be accepted into WWE's developmental program in Ohio Valley Wrestling.

440 RUFFHOUSE RIVERA

(5'10", 205, 21, 450) This grizzled veteran frequently teams with Inferno in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Their ring entrance, which includes bringing a big pair of fuzzy dice, is an inexplicable hit with the fans ... Feuded with Billy Bax, Rob Eckos, Cheetah Master, and Mozart Fontaine ... Has spent his entire career in the ECWA and has rarely wrestled outside Delaware ... Previously known as The Persian Prince ... Smartly decided to change his moniker after 9/11 to avoid being tagged as anti-American.

441 MIKE THE MIZ

(6'1", 210, 1, NL) Appeared on MTV's *Real World Returns To New York*, often demonstrating his "wrestling character" on the program ... Took his first step toward making that character a reality when he began training at UPW's Ultimate University ... Had a notable match against *Tough Enough's* Kenny King at California's Grove Theater in a battle of the MTV boys ... Possesses a good look and is entertaining on the microphone ... His hometown is Parma, Ohio.

442 DEREK NEIKIRK

(6'4", 240, 3, 481) Moved from Ohio's Heartland Wrestling Association, where he held that promotion's tag team title, to California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling, where he has become primarily a singles competitor ... Also competes in Arizona's Impact Zone Wrestling ... A native of Phoenix ... Wrestled in WWE dark matches ... His finisher, the round trip, sees him hoist his opponent from a Dragon sleeper position and drop him back to the canvas with a stunner ... A former pro baseball player.

443 SPANKY MALONE

(5'10", 260, 3, 459) Relinquished the Southeastern Professional Wrestling Federation heavyweight championship after he and Steven Madison won the SPWF tag team title ... He and Madison are now defending against The Heartbreak Express ... Emerged as one of the most popular wrestlers on the Florida indy circuit during the past year ... Resides in Lakeland ... His finishing maneuver is the reverse neckbreaker.

444 SCAB

(6'1", 215, 5, 430) Rejoined Otto Schwanz and Count Grog in The Brotherhood ... Feuding with Seymour Scott over the North Carolina State title ... Competes primarily in Southern Championship Wrestling, with excursions into Pennsylvania and Massachusetts ... The tornado bullfrog is his favorite maneuver ... A former SCW heavyweight, junior heavyweight, and tag team champ ... Has also held titles in the World Wrestling Organization and Virginia Championship Wrestling.

445 RORY FOX

(5'9", 205, 4, NL) The current Heartland Wrestling Association cruiserweight champion ... Defending his title against Chet Jablonski and The Hussla ... Suffered three fractured ribs at the hands of Jablonski ... Teaming with Matt Stryker

in a feud with Southern Breeze ... Held the tag team championship with Stryker when he won the cruiserweight belt ... Calls himself the "original MTV star" ... The total request slam is his finisher ... Last ranked in the 2001 "PW500" at 349.

446 THE BOUNCER

(6', 285, 7, 419) He and Curt Fury comprise Klub Xtreme ... They have reigned as CWA tag team champions for more than a year ... Klub Xtreme also won an eight-man tournament for the MCW (Ohio) tag team title, and held the belts for 10 months ... Captured the Wrestling All-Star Promotion hardcore strap on two occasions ... Added a spinning side-slam and the last call, a version of the superkick, to his repertoire ... Still has success with his happy hour finisher ... Debuted in New Era Xtreme Wrestling and Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling ... Accompanied by Temptress ... Rivals include Nomad, Glenn Spectre, and J-Ru.

447 BOBBY 2 BADD

(6'4", 215, 4, 416) Feuding with Michael Strider and Zen Zen in Texas All-Star Wrestling ... Won the Tomball Rumble in Tomball, Texas, and his second Humble Rumble in Humble, Texas ... A two-time Texas All-Star champion ... He and Seth Shai are the current and longest-reigning TASW tag team titleholders ... Also competes in New Era Wrestling ... Nicknamed "The Western Shooter" ... The 2 Badd slam is his finisher ... His toughest opponents have included Mike Tatum, Mr. Mayhem, and Hugh Rogue ... Has also competed in NWA Southwest.

448 POISON

(5'9", 215, 9, 448) Defeated Major Havoc for the AIWF U.S. title ... His other rivals in the Allied Independent Wrestling Federation include Chapel and Bloodlust ... Also held the Tri-State Championship Wrestling title this year ... Battled Major Havoc, Izzy Sane, and Big Country ... Feuded with The Batten Twins and Scott Sterling in Southern States Wrestling ... Has competed in Tennessee, North Carolina, the United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates ... Hails from Birmingham, England ... His signature maneuvers are the toxic shock (an airplane spin into an X-factor) and the

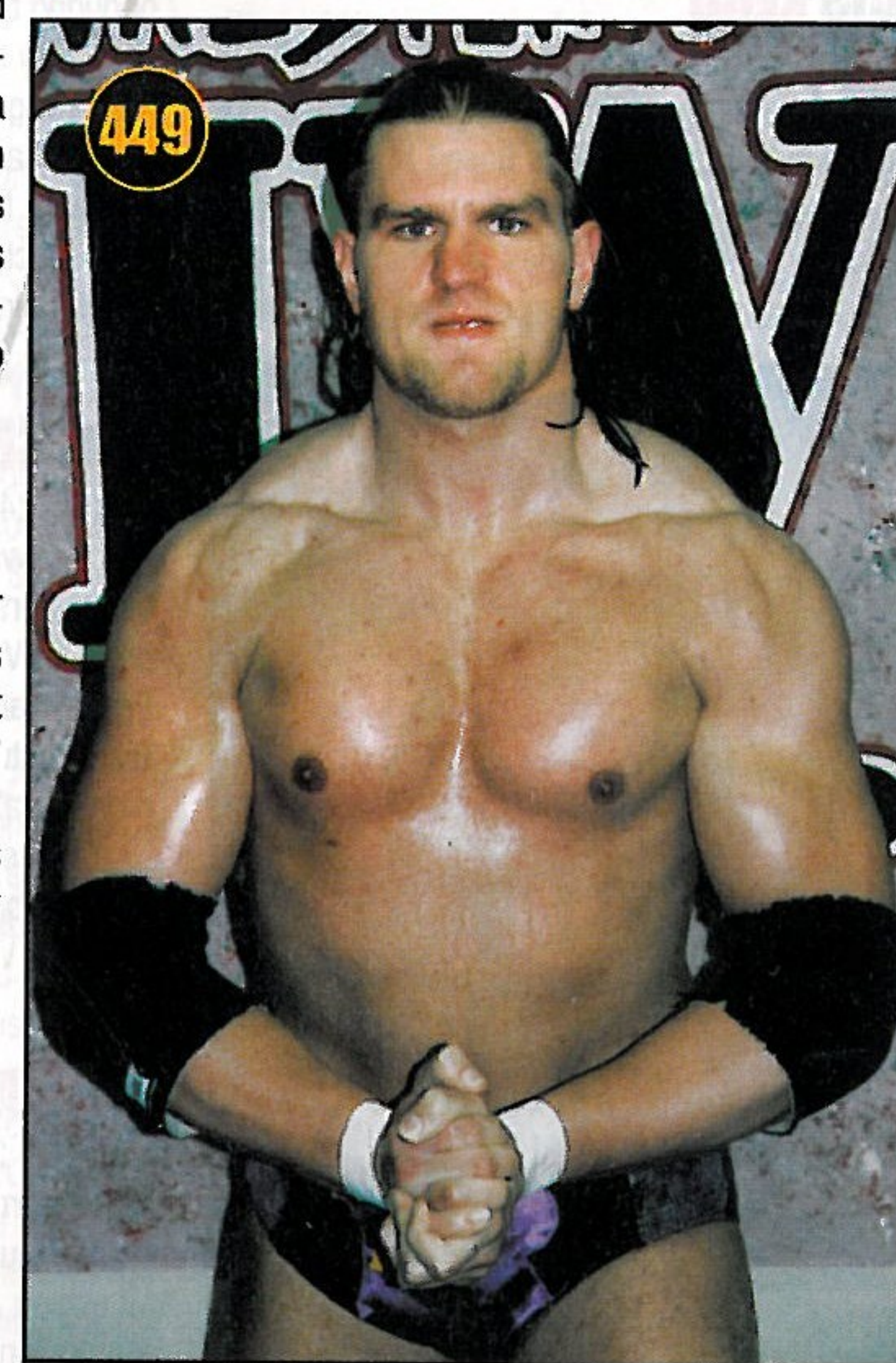
Poison-plex (a variation of the Proto-plex) ... Added the sharpshooter to his repertoire.

449 ROMAN

(6'1", 232, 3, 463) Competes primarily in the Independent Wrestling Federation and other promotions throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania ... He and Hadrian lost to Kevin Knight and The Honky Tonk Man on October 5 in West Paterson, New Jersey ... Defeated Knight to win the IWF Tournament of Champions on December 29 ... Feuded with Biggie Biggs ... Wrestled several dark matches for *Raw* and *Smackdown* at New York's Madison Square Garden this summer ... His finisher is the Roman candle, a cyclone suplex ... A former IWF champion.

450 LADIES CHOICE

(6', 221, 3, NL) Captured the Extreme Canadian Championship Wrestling title in November 2002 and reigned for most of 2003 ... Served as a color commentator during the short-lived *Portland Wrestling* television program ... Received great reviews for his work ... Left the announcers' table to feud with Brian Alvarez and Roddy Piper ... Also competed in Washington, California, and England ... One of the most arrogant wrestlers to come out of Western Canada.



451 SHANE SHADOWS

(6'2", 238, 11, 496) Lost to Greg Valentine in a controversial match in August 2002 in Martinsburg, West Virginia ... This once-hated star became a fan favorite when he rescued Johnny Graham from an attack by Brock Singleton and eight-year arch-rival Switchblade during a Championship Pro Wrestling show ... Fired sneaky manager J.B. Righteous and dumped partner Brian Johnson ... Competes in West Virginia and Pennsylvania ... Has held the Championship Pro heavyweight and tag team titles, in addition to the National Wrestling League heavyweight belt.

452 ADAM BOOKER

(6'4", 252, 3, 462) Competes primarily in New England ... Suffered a serious arm injury during a match against Chi Chi Cruz in December 2002 ... Feuded with Cruz and John Roselli in Maine Event Wrestling ... Underwent surgery, which kept him out of action for several months in 2003 ... Accompanied by the beautiful Miss Kristy ... Uses high-flying moves such as a plancha and a dropkick from the top rope, despite his large size.

453 XERO

(6'1", 360, 4, NL) Defeated another giant, Mega, in a lumberjack match in May for the biggest win of his career ... Based in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... His rivals include Rob Eckos, Billy Bax, Ruffhouse Rivera, Mozart Fontaine, and Inferno ... Has teamed with

veterans such as Benny Stoltzfus and Thunder ... Also competes in Pennsylvania's Continental Championship Wrestling ... Figures to emerge as a contender to Christopher Daniels' ECWA title in the upcoming year.

454 DUKES DALTON

(6'2", 229, 9, 486) Based in Massachusetts' Chaotic Wrestling ... Dropped a handicap match to Billy K and his manager, Brittany Summer, on January 11, that caused him to lose the CW New England title to Billy K due to a prematch stipulation ... Went on hiatus to recover from eye surgery following his title loss ... Returned in April and attacked one of his pupils, The Mighty Mini ... Sparred with The Rock and Bill Goldberg prior to their match at Backlash ... A former NWA tag champion ... Boasting a far more conservative appearance as of late.

455 MACE MENDOZA

(5'8", 190, 6, NL) Teams with Buff-E, primarily in Jersey All Pro Wrestling ... They have beaten several impressive teams, including Joey Matthews and Christian York, Julio Dinero and E.Z. Money, C.W. Anderson and Steve Corino, and Simon Diamond and Matt Stryker ... Mace and Buff-E have also enjoyed success in Ring of Honor during the past year ... Feuded with The Carnage Crew and Knight Life in 2002-'03 ... A former Long Island Wrestling Federation triple-crown champion ... Has held the LIWF and IWW tag team titles with Buff-E ... His finisher is the dirty sanchez ... Nickname is "Man Candy" ... His effeminate style infuriates some fans.

456 SEAN LEI

(6', 240, 4, 445) He and Dirty Money are feuding with Virginia Championship Wrestling titleholders Chris Escobar and Spank ... Competes in Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and Pennsylvania ... Has a valet named Kameo ... His signature maneuver is the ego trip, a fisherman's brainbuster ... Known as "The Dynasty" ... Claims to be from "the untouchable realm" ... Previously from Guadalajara, Mexico ... A two-time VCW heavyweight champion.

457 HADRIAN

(6'1", 235, 3, 434) Based in New Jersey's Independent Wrestling Federation, but has also enjoyed success in Pennsylvania's Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance ... Lost the IWA triple threat title to Tony Reyes on September 22 ... Dropped

the IWF American belt to Erik Andretti on January 25 ... His finisher is the trident, a full-nelson slam ... Also competed in National Wrestling Superstars, NWA New Jersey, and the American Championship Wrestling Alliance ... The brother of Roman ... Has competed in the martial arts for 11 years, most notably in tae kwon do.

458 JOHNNY HANDSOME

(5'10", 230, 3, 442) This bodybuilder shifted from tag team to singles competition during 2002-'03 ... Formerly a member of The Chemical Cowboys ... Wrestles for No Holds Barred Wrestling in Ontario and Manitoba ... His hometown is Calgary, Alberta ... Yes, that means he was trained by the Hart family ... Wrestled more than 70 matches during a three-month period while touring with England's All-Star Promotions ... Beat Juggernaut en route to winning the Hybrid Wrestling Coalition Cup ... Also competes in MPW, the PWA, and POW ... His gut-wrench side-slam and gut-wrench backbreaker can be devastating.

459 BUFF-E

(6', 220, 6, NL) Based in Jersey All Pro Wrestling, but has enjoyed recent success in Ring of Honor ... Teams with Mace Mendoza ... They have beaten teams such as Joey Matthews and Christian York, Julio Dinero and E.Z. Money, C.W. Anderson and Steve Corino, and Simon Diamond and Matt Stryker ... Their feud with The Carnage Crew was particularly vicious ... Buff-E and Mendoza have held the LIWF and IWW tag team titles ... His effeminate demeanor hides an aggressive style ... The gay basher is his finisher ... Has competed in Jersey Championship Wrestling, USA Pro Wrestling, and other indies throughout the Northeast ... Sometimes accompanied by Allison Danger.

460 JOHN BALSAMO

(5'7", 190, 4, 349) Started out his career in the Mid-Atlantic and Appalachian region, and now expanding to New England ... Earned his most consistent success in West Virginia's Championship Pro Wrestling, where he has held the tag team title with Gino Sarentino ... Has held the U.S. belt in Classic Championship Wrestling and the cruiserweight strap in the Millennium Wrestling Federation ... Nicknamed "Paisano" ... His finishers are the Boston crab and the Paisanoplex off the top rope ... Best known in the locker room for shooting on Headshrinker Samu in a hotel ... Samu let him live ... Graduated from the Wild Samoan Training Center.

461 LARRY DESTINY

(6'3", 240, 7, 392) Now a fan favorite in Maximum Pro Wrestling ... Also appears in the Global Wrestling Alliance on occasion ... A former Border City champion ... Has competed on WWE television ... Finishes off his opponents with the end of the road, an inverted pedigree ... A high-flying technician ... His hometown is Windsor, Ontario ... Trained by Scott D'Amore ... Should emerge as a contender to Chris Sabin's MXPW TV championship, or his NWA-TNA X title if he ever gets that opportunity.

462 CRUSHER HANSEN

(6'1", 260, 7, 436) Became a fan favorite when he began feuding with former NWA President Jim Miller's stable ... Has reigned as NWA East champion since October 2002 ... Also held the CWF Keystone and tag team championships, in addition to the NLW ironman title ... Traded victories with The Honky Tonk Man in Far North Wrestling ... Finally reconciled with Quinn Magnum after a four-year rivalry ... Constantly refers to his *supposed* uncle, Stan Hansen ... Competes primarily in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio ... His finishing maneuver is the Crusher slam, a reverse Razor's edge.

463 SUPREME LEE GREAT

(5'8", 210, 4, NL) Competes primarily in the Northeast ... Feuding with The Psycho Circus and Tommy Suede ... He and Suede were once known as Team Supreme ... Known as "Mr. Sports Entertainment" ... Toured the South Pacific with World Xtreme Wrestling ... The air Al-bright suplex, the elbowdrop from the top rope, and the clothesline from Crestwood are his signature moves ... Has held the WXW cruiserweight, tag team, and hardcore titles ... Also a former HWA cruiserweight champ.

464 CHASYN RANCE

(5'9", 171, 4, NL) Defeated Kid Lethal for the Southern Championship Wrestling cruiserweight title ... Won a battle royal to earn a shot at Future Stars of Pro Wrestling champion Bonez the Cutthroat, but lost the title match ... His nickname, "The Independent Sensation," is appropriate because he has appeared in a tremendous number of Florida promotions, wrestling 100 matches during the past year ... The Warlord, Naphtali, David Babylon, Bruno Sassi, and Kahagas were among his foes ... Previously known as The DTW Ninja, The Kempo Kid, and El Lobo.

465 MACE

(6', 245, 4, NL) He and Tejas comprise The Re-Gex ... They have reigned as NWA Wisconsin tag team champions since June 2002 ... The Re-Gex also defeated The Overboyz for the ACW Louisiana/Texas tag team title ... Won the ACW King of the Battle Royal competition ... Wrestled NWA Texas State champion Steve DeMarco at a Professional Championship Wrestling show in February ... Allowed Seth Shai to become an unofficial member of The Re-Gex ... Has appeared in independent films ... Trained by Kit Carson and Khris Germany ... Has held the Texas Championship Wrestling and ACW TV titles.

466 CHRIS SANDERS

(5'9", 170, 1, NL) Defeated Void for the NWA Southern junior heavyweight title in August 2002 ... Suffered a broken vertebra and experienced brief paralysis last September, but returned to action by Thanksgiving after extensive recuperation ... Competed in NWA Main Event, Mid-South, Battlezone, Tri-State, Bluegrass, and Midwest ... His finisher is the fisherman piledriver, dubbed glimpse of stardom ... Known as "Spotlight" Chris Sanders.

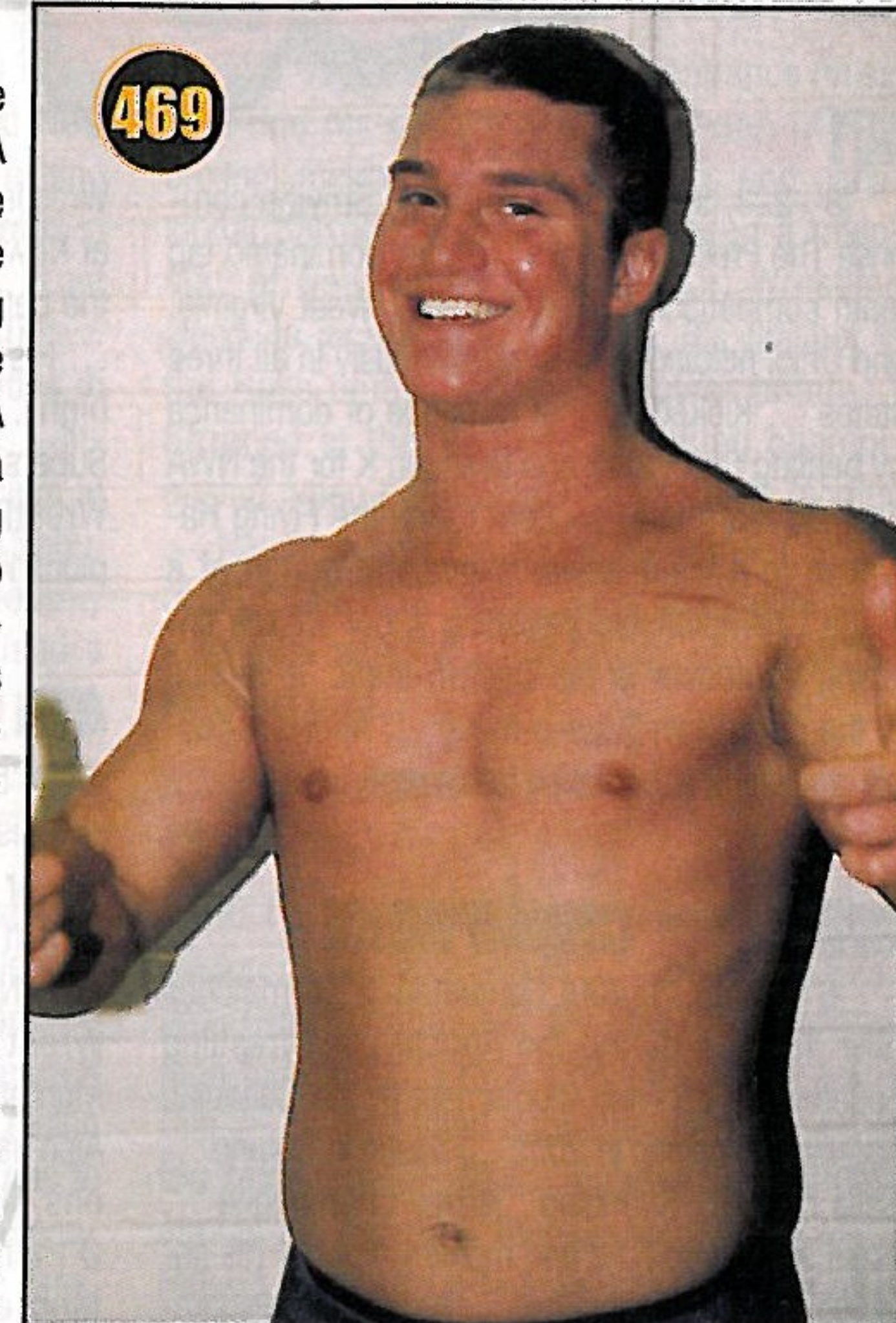
467 JOHN CURSE

(5'9", 205, 6, NL) Feuding with D.W. Dudley in New York's Critical Mass Pro Wrestling ... Battled ECWA stars Tyler Payne and Joey Maxx ... His finisher is the hex appeal, a variation of the DDT ... Fully recovered from the knee injury, a damaged left medial meniscus, he suffered last year ... The current commissioner of the New York Wrestling Connection ... Also competes in LICW and WWW ... Trained by Perry Saturn and Tazz ... A native of Brooklyn.

468 FRANKIE CAPONE

(5'10", 222, 7, 498) He and Cannon comprise Double Deuce in Florida's IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Feuded with Kid Romeo for a month in Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council ... Also competed in the X Wrestling Federation ... Lost the IPW light heavyweight title to Jeff Peterson in 2000 ... Also held the IPW tag team and TV championships ... Known as "Uptown" Frankie Capone ... Wrestled in an NWA-TNA dark match on May 7 ... Appeared at Ted DiBiase's "Acquire The Fire" event at Tampa's Ice Palace ... His finisher is the K5, a reverse stunner.

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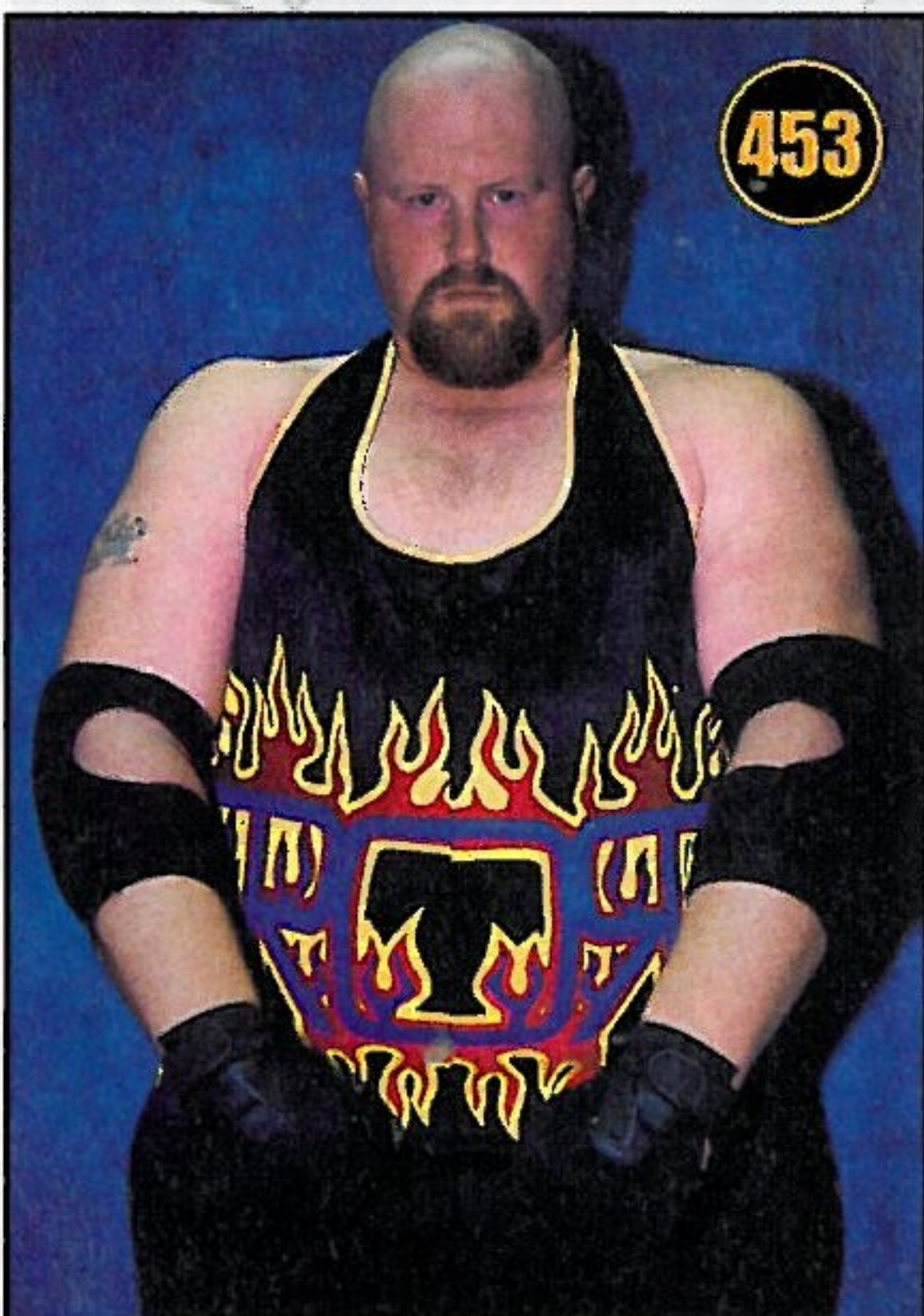
469 JEFF STARR

(6'2", 205, 4, NL) Nickname is "Mr. Spotlight" ... Competes throughout the Northeast, most notably in New York ... Also competed in Ring of Honor ... His finishers are the swanton splash and superkick ... Has held the UWA, World of Hurt, and TSW heavyweight titles ... Wrestled Jamie Noble on *Velocity* ... Has also wrestled Haku on *Jakked*, in addition to dark matches against Johnny Stamboli and Rene Dupree ... Last ranked in the "PWI 500" at 494 in 2001 ... Has been managed by Kenny Casanova, Pat Piper, and Libby ... His most persistent rival is Danger ... Considers himself a ladies' man.

470 GREG SPITZ

(6'3", 190, 4, NL) Competes in New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania ... Had been teaming regularly with Mark Smart ... Now focusing more on singles competition, however ... Uses a springboard dropkick and a full-nelson facebuster, and claims to have the best leg lariat in the business ... Usually carries a steel chain in his boot ... The current IWA Pennsylvania light heavyweight champion ... Has held the WHW tag team title ... Ended a long feud with female wrestler Simply Luscious in the Premier Wrestling Federation by defeating her in a loser-leaves-PWF match.

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471 DASH BENNETT

(6', 223, 3, 357) He and Daron Smythe comprise The Premier Players ... They dominated tag team competition in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio, holding titles simultaneously in all three states ... Kicked off that rampage of dominance by beating Dirk Ciglar and Brandon K for the NWA East tag team title ... Beat Cueva the Flying Hawaiian in a loser-leaves-Cleveland match at a Mega Championship Wrestling show ... His finishing maneuver is the Dash-o-matic, a version of the cross-arm Edge-o-matic ... Added a double-anklelock submission to his repertoire.

472 JAMES CHAMPAGNE

(6'1", 228, 3, 400) Competed in 51 matches over 18 days during the Apocalypse Wrestling Federation's ironman tournament at the Canadian National Exposition in 2002 ... Based in Ontario ... Calls himself "Sparkling" James Champagne ... Likes to do dropkicks and monkey flips ... His finishing move is the last call ... A native of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario ... A former AWF champion.

473 CHAKAL

(5'10", 220, 6, 421) Regained the Quebec championship in Northern Championship Wrestling ... His long-time partner, Chase Ironside, turned against him ... Soon put Ironside on the disabled list with a severe concussion ... Failed to beat Manuel Vegas to reclaim his belt ... Wrestled as Mad David as part of The Gaea Boyz during a tour of Japan ... Also known as Jackal ... Defeated Ironside at ChallengeMania XI ... Maturing into a locker room leader in NCW.

474 TREACH PHILLIPS JR.

(5'8", 215, 14, NL) The son of Treach Phillips Sr. ... Competes throughout the Mid-South, especially Arkansas ... A perennial rival of Blade Boudreaux ... His finisher is the tiger bomb ... Trained by Bill Ash ... His match against Val Venis at a WWF show in 1999 is his highest-profile appearance to date ... This veteran is still a capable aerialist, although he does more mat work these days ... Has held the ICPW, IPW, BBOW, and GPW light heavyweight titles ... His pink tiger skin trunks infuriate crowds.

475 KEVIN KNIGHT

(6'4", 242, 7, 427) Beat Biggie Biggs to begin his third Independent Wrestling Federation title

reign on March 22 ... He and Roman lost to Tom Prichard and Fred Sampson on April 12 ... Feuded with The Patriot ...

Wrestled dark matches for *Raw* and *Smackdown* at New York's Madison Square Garden ... One of the better known trainers in the New Jersey area ... His finisher is the Knight-fall, a corkscrew sky high ... Also competed in National Wrestling Superstars, NWA New Jersey, the Intercontinental Wrestling Alliance, and the American Championship Wrestling Alliance.

476 MIKE KNOX

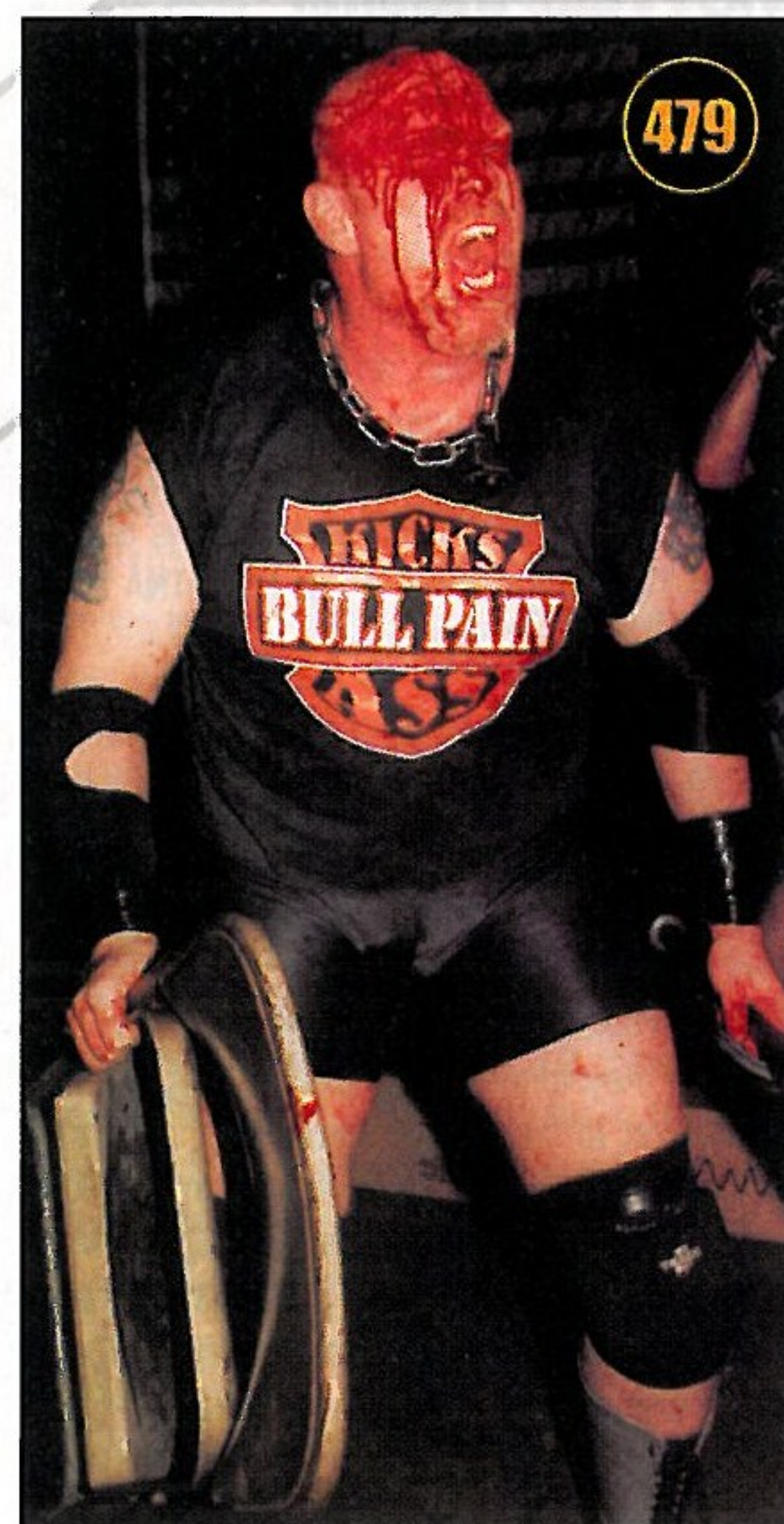
(6'5", 250, 6, 487) Emerging as a formidable singles competitor after spending most of his career as part of The Urban Outlaws ... Now known as "Maniacal" Mike Knox ... Still feuding with Native Blood in California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling with multiple partners, including Marshall Knox, Hollywood, and Derek Neikirk ... Also had great matches against UPW tag champions The Ballard Brothers ... Wrestled Sean O'Haire in a WWE dark match and Shannon Moore on *Velocity* ... Blends high-impact wrestling with technical skills ... His finisher is the fisherman brainbuster.

477 SNATCH HAGGIS

(6', 240, 2, NL) The current KYDA Pro champion ... Bracing for the challenge of Maxx Intensity ... Moved from Scotland to Virginia in 2000, and embarked on a wrestling career ... A runner-up in the Highland Games in 1999 ... His arch-rival is Shorty Smalls ... Feuded with The Highwaymen, Flex Fenom, and Brandon Day in the Maryland-based National Wrestling League ... He and The Freak won a three-way match to win the House of Pain tag team title ... Managed by Mike Hay in the HOPWF ... Finishes off opponents with the Loch Ness suplex, a pumphandle suplex.

478 MEGA

(6'7", 380, 2, NL) The largest man in Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Serves as the enforcer in Prince Nana's Royal Decision clique ... Relatively agile for his size, but relies primarily on his brute strength ... Protected lady wrestler Trinity during the ECWA's Royal Rumble-style Summit, which infuriated Prince Nana ... Many fans think Prince Nana is taking advantage of him ... Also competes for Ring of Honor and Independent Championship Wrestling ... Trained by former ECW champion Mikey Whipwreck ... Could emerge as an ECWA heavyweight title contender next year.



479 BULL PAIN

(6'2", 255, 13, NL) The most feared man in IWA Mid-South ... A baseball bat is his illegal weapon of choice ... His group of thugs put Mark Wolf out of action ... Terrorized area favorites such as Chris Hero, Cpl. Robinson, and Ian Rotten ... His feud with Rotten began in ECW six years ago, and ended in February 2003 when his bitter rival defeated him inside a steel cage at IWA Mid-South's 300th show ... Only Rotten has held the IWA title on more occasions, but Pain has held it for a longer total amount of time ... Fans are beginning to appreciate his hard-hitting style.

480 MARSHALL KNOX

(6'1", 240, 4, 424) Rose to prominence as part of The Urban Outlaws with his cousin Mike Knox in California's Ultimate Pro Wrestling ... Won a three-way match also involving Kid Vicious and Ruckus in Loughlin, Nevada ... Launches his impressive finishing move from the ring apron, springboards off the top rope, and does a jumping version of the famouser ... Wrestled in WWE dark matches ... Teamed with Frankie Kazarian for an exciting match against Keiji Sakoda and Skulu at the Anaheim Pond ... Toured Japan with Zero-One ... Known as "The Outlaw."

481 DAVE GRECO

(6', 206, 3, 478) Made good showings in the JCW J-Cup and NWA New England Super X Tournaments, but was eliminated by American Dragon and Reckless Youth, respectively ... Had tough matches against Brian Lawler, Simon Diamond, Julio Dinero, and Low-Ki ... Based in New Jersey, but also competes in New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and North Carolina ... The Greco Valley driver is his finisher ... A former Jersey Championship Wrestling light heavyweight titleholder.

482 FRANKY THE MOBSTER

(6'2", 208, 6, 441) Returned to Northern Championship Wrestling at the demand of Chakal, who had defeated Franky in a loser-leaves-town match in the summer of 2001 ... Challenged by Arsenal upon his return ... Defeated Arsenal to determine "the best pure wrestler in the province of Quebec" at Crime Scene 2003 ... Lost to Quebec champion Manuel Vegas at ChallengeMania XI ... Captured the CCW title ... Also competes in the MWF and FCL.

483 JIMMY JACOBS

(5'9", 169, 4, 479) Joined IWA Mid-South in the fall of 2002 ... Had already established himself in the Detroit and Chicago areas ... Followed by another Detroit wrestler, Alex Shelley, who is feuding with Jacobs ... Adopted the nickname "Barbaric Berzerker" ... Wears fuzzy boots to pay tribute to Bruiser Brody and The Berzerker ... Shelley started "Shave his boots!" chants ... Beat his rival in a bout at "April Blood Showers," at which Shelley put his hair up against Jacobs' "boot hair" ... Biggest win of the past year was over C.M. Punk ... Recently debuted in Ring of Honor ... His finishing maneuver is the Dudley dog that he turns into an inverted neckbreaker.

484 GINO MARTINO

(5'11", 310, 6, 460) This sadistic headbutt master uses bowling balls and jackhammers to smash bricks over his skull ... Holds the Asiatic title ... Feuded with Tony Atlas and Travis Funk ... Brutalizes opponents with fists, lariats, and the suicidal elbow ... His finisher is the spinal tap ... A former Ultimate Championship Wrestling and Chaotic Wrestling titleholder ... Turned against Millennium Wrestling Federation Commissioner Von Johnson, who had recruited him to take out Ralph Lano ... Managed by Ox Baker in UCW and the MWF ... He and Ali Muhammad comprise The Millennium Killaz ... Competes throughout New England.

485 J.T. LIGHTNING

(5'10", 242, 11, NL) Competes in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and New York ... Considers Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling his home promotion ... Missed nine months in 2001-2002 due to a torn ACL and MCL ... Last ranked at 421 in the 2001 "PWI 500" ... Teams with Adam Cage ... Has held titles in every promotion in which he appears ... Influenced by the All-Japan style ... Proficient in shootfighting ... Has wrestled Rhyno, Sabu, Crowbar, The Honky Tonk Man, and Tommy Rich ... He and The Stro once comprised a team known as The Shooters.

486 LUIS ORTIZ

(5'9", 205, 7, 494) Left Chaotic Wrestling's heel faction, The Office, after the group's leader, Randy Miller, cost him a match against Antonio Thomas in October 2002 ... Later defeated fellow Office member "Big" Mike Studd in a match that forced Miller out of Chaotic Wrestling due to a prematch stipulation ... Amassed a tremendous winning streak while regaining the fans' support ... Defeated John Walters for his second Chaotic heavyweight title in a thrilling 30-minute bout officiated by Tom Prichard on April 5 ... Has competed in Japan ... This high-flyer delivers an impressive Asai moonsault.

487 SPYDER

(5'11", 235, 5, 367) Successfully defended his Canadian title against Paul Tracey at the NWA's 54th anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... Wrestled an NWA-TNA dark match in February ... Based in the Canadian Wrestling Federation, an NWA affiliate ... Stripped of the NWA Canadian belt for not fulfilling his commitments ... Vows to regain the strap from current champion Zack Mercury ... Hails from Hell's Kitchen, New York ... The T-bone suplex and tornado DDT are his signature maneuvers.

488 GUTTER

(6', 232, 6, 492) A very eccentric star based in Ontario ... Claims to hear voices ... Trained at Scott D'Amore's Can-Am Wrestling School ... Held the Border City tag team title with The Hacker for a brief period this past winter ... A former NWA Great Lakes and MWA champ ... The Diamond gutter is his finishing maneuver ... Carries a gutter with him and calls it "Cindy" ... Hails from New York City ... A Douglas Chevalier Memorial Battle Royal winner.

489 HOSS

(6'4", 285, 6, NL) Likes his entrance music loud and his beer cold ... A veteran of Thai boxing, kickboxing, shootfighting, and occasional barroom brawls ... Has been a mainstay of New York's World of Hurt Wrestling since its inception in 1999 ... His finisher is the Hoss bomb, a delayed power bomb ... Stripped of the Tri-State Wrestling championship when he disappeared for three months ... Has also held the WWA, New Breed, World of Hurt, and ESW titles ... His opponents consider him sadistic ... H.C. Loc is one of his toughest foes.

490 HALLOWICKED

(6'1", 192, 1, NL) Calls himself "the dark minion of the underworld" ... Beat D.J. Skittlez, Gran Akuma, and Mr. Zero in an eight-man tournament to win Chikara's Young Lions Cup ... He and Blind Rage captured the NAWF tag team title ... Also competed in KAPOW, Jersey All Pro, IWA Mid-South, and PXW ... Helped Rage win a hair vs. mask match over former partner Ichabod Slayne ... Inventor of the wild monster mash octopus hold that turns into a sunset flip ... Wears a black and green jack o' lantern-style mask that impedes his speech ... A fisherman buster from the top turnbuckle is his pet maneuver.



491 PAUL ATLAS

(5'10", 235, 12, NL) Defended the NWA East triple crown against 10 different challengers on 10 shows during the "Summer Scorcher Series" ... Lost the triple crown to Dirk Ciglar when special referee Jimmy Anjel gave him a fast three-count ... Beat Anjel in a retirement match ... Defeated Quinn Magnum for the NWA North American title later that night ... Lost the belt to Jorge Estrada at the NWA's 53rd anniversary show in Corpus Christi, Texas ... Went on hiatus to allow nagging injuries to heal ... Re-formed The Wrong Crowd with Brian Anthony to become a fan favorite for the first time ever.

492 BRUISER GRAHAM

(5'10", 265, 8, NL) Based in, appropriately enough, the Bruiser Wrestling Federation in Virginia ... Defeated Frank Parker for the BWF heavyweight title ... Has also held the BWF tag team championship, in addition to the TCW heavyweight and tag team titles ... Trained by Jimmy Valiant ... Has wrestled Sid Vicious, The Hardy Boyz, and Batista during his career ... His hometown is Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

493 DON BASHER

(6', 302, 18, NL) The most feared wrestler and most decorated champion in Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws history is now the promotion's commissioner ... Beat Hillbilly Jed for yet another WCWO title in a chain match, his specialty ... Soon lost the belt to newcomer Billy Roc ... Still hasn't been able to persuade the new champ to accept his challenge for a chain match ... Nicknamed "Dangerous Bull" ... Added a new finisher to his repertoire, the eight-second ride ... Hails from Casper, Wyoming.

494 C.B. CANE

(5'11", 226, 13, 465) The feud between Cane and Johnnie Lee has turned into a family vendetta, as the younger brothers of both men have jumped into the mix ... The current "undeniable" Thunder Wrestling Federation champion ... Leader of Camp Cane ... Resides in Jacksonville, Florida ... Teams with younger brother J.B. Cane and Shaun Breht ... Has also held the TWF tag team and TV titles, in addition to the SCW and CCW Florida State, SWA heavyweight, and SWA TV titles ... His signature moves include the attitude drop, Cane leglock, and Camp Cane stretch ... His newfound aggressiveness is paying off ... Still coping with a bad knee.

495 FLAT FACE JEREMY

(5'10", 252, 3, NL) Based in Quebec's Northern Championship Wrestling ... Held the NCW TV title for eight months ... Lost the belt to Kazuko Yuroshima ... Returned to the promotion with his girlfriend, Julie the Red Fox, to form the intergender team of Double Trouble ... Trained by one-time PWI correspondent Bertrand Hebert ... A rival of Nova Cain ... Now an ally of Shane Matthews and Jagged ... Still a top contender to Yuroshima's TV championship.

496 DAVID ISLEY

(5'11", 220, 17, NL) Chasing Mid-Atlantic junior heavyweight champion Gary Royal ... A preliminary wrestler with Jim Crockett Promotions in the mid-1980s ... In fact, Isley has become an aficionado of the old Mid-Atlantic Championship Wrestling era ... Trained by Nelson Royal ... Competed for WWE, WCW, ACW, the IWA, and All-Japan in the past ... Displays a classic '70s style in the ring.

497 SALVATORE THOMASELLI

(5'8", 175, 1, NL) His most memorable moment of the past year was battling Michael Modest at a Pro Wrestling Iron show on May 2 ... Teams with Vito Thomaselli ... His finishing maneuver is the STD, a snap tiger driver ... A broken ankle sidelined him for two months, and a fractured shoulder blade put him out of action for three weeks ... Reigned as North American Wrestling light heavyweight champ for a year ... Also wrestles for other California independents, such as Supreme Pro Wrestling, the Universal Xtreme Wrestling Federation, and Big Time Wrestling, in addition to IPW Hardcore Wrestling ... Lost to El Flaco Loco in a gauntlet match at a SPW show in his 2002 debut.

498 UNCLE ERNIE

(6'1", 392, 5, NL) This former Wild Championship Wrestling Outlaws heavyweight champion prefers tag team competition because it gives him the opportunity to hitch up with his kinfolk ... Has held the WCWO tag team title with Cousin Otter and Hillbilly Jed ... He and Jed recently lost the belts to E.Z. Cruz and Skip Radisson ... The hillbillies have raised the ire of Com-

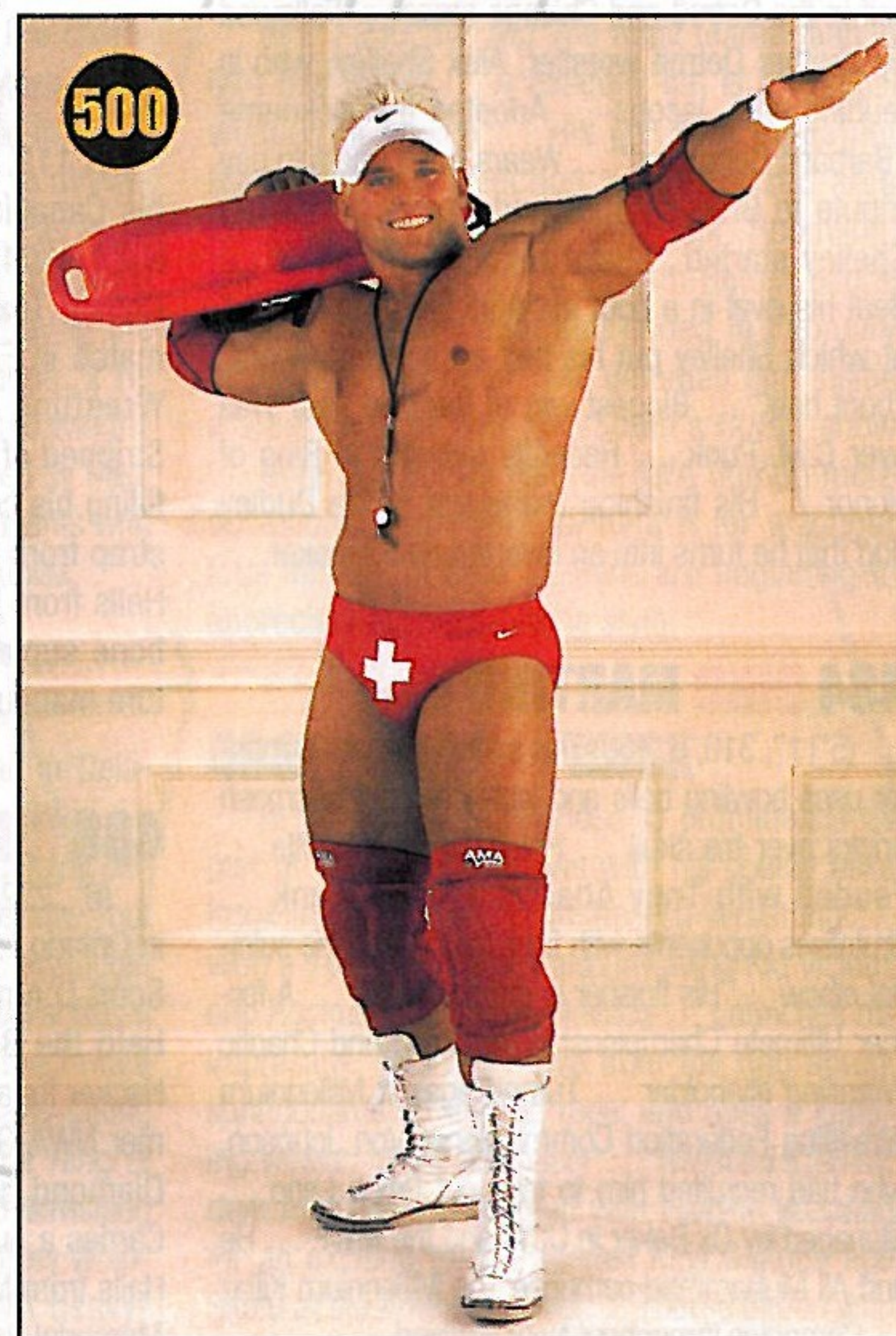
missioner Don Basher ... His hometown is Mudlick, Kentucky ... No word on whether he's related to Hillbilly Jim.

499 DARIN CHILDS

(5'10", 203, 4, NL) Known as "The Canadian Heartthrob" ... Captured several tag team titles, most notably in the Southwest Wrestling Federation ... Feuded with former best friend Paul London throughout Texas during most of 2002 ... Claims to be from Dawson Creek, British Columbia ... His finisher is the fall from grace, a fireman's carry into a Michinoku driver ... A few Texas fans are still buzzing about his hard-fought match against female wrestler Simply Luscious.

500 BILLY K

(5'10", 247, 1, NL) Chaotic Wrestling's resident lifeguard has enjoyed a great rookie year ... Won the CW New England title from Dukes Dalton thanks to a prematch stipulation when he and manager Brittany Summer beat the veteran in a handicap bout on January 11 ... Lost the belt to Vince Vicallo on March 8, and then regained it on April 5 ... Teamed with Aaron Stevens to face La Resistance in a *Smackdown* dark match in Manchester, New Hampshire ... Warns fans to wear sunscreen.



The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" was published, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows: (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

Abunai (NL)	Gamma (NL)	Little Guido (NC)	Bruno Sassi (NL)
Trent Acid (NL)	Skull Ganz (R)	Lorida (NL)	Satanico (NL)
Perro Aguayo Jr. (NL)	Giant Singh (NL)	Adrian Lynch (NL)	Bull Schmitt (NL)
Albert (NC)	David Lee Gilbert (NL)	Major Havoc (NL)	Dan Severn (NL)
Roger Anderson (NL)	The Godfather (I)	Shinya Makabe (NL)	Shane Shadows (NL)
Brian Anthony (NL)	Johnny Graham (NL)	Tom Marquez (NL)	Ken Shamrock (NL)
Spazman Anthony (NL)	Gran Apache (NL)	Ricky Marvin (NL)	Stan Sierra (NL)
Atlantis (NL)	Vic Grimes (NL)	Gator McAllister (NL)	Smelly (NL)
Steve Austin (R)	Fuerza Guerrera (NL)	Derek McQuinn (NL)	Johnny Smith (NL)
Flash Barker (NL)	Billy Gunn (DL)	Mark Mercedes (NL)	Al Snow (I)
Batista (DL)	R.C. Haas (NC)	Messiah (NL)	Shawn Stasiak (NL)
Billy Bax (NL)	Scott Hall (I)	Brad Michaels (NL)	Natrone Steele (NL)
Brian Bedlam (NL)	Jeff Hamrick (NL)	Chris Michaels (NL)	Race Steele (R)
Kelly Bell (NL)	Hardcore Kidd (NL)	Rick Michaels (DL)	Nikki Stychnine (NL)
Bulldozer Benton (NL)	Ox Harley (NL)	Nick Mondo (NL)	Sean Styles (NL)
Big Valbowski (NC)	Nate Hatred (NL)	Morishima (NL)	Jason Sugarman (NL)
Black Buffalo (NL)	Havok (NL)	Hugh Morrus (NC)	Supreme (NL)
Blue Panther (NL)	Hellraiser Hark (NL)	Ricky Murdock (NL)	Tatsuhiro Takaiwa (NL)
Boogalou (NL)	Curt Hennig (D)	Matt Murphy (NL)	Minoru Tanaka (NC)
Steve Bradley (NL)	Ulf Hermann (NL)	Hack Myers (NL)	Tarzan Boy (NL)
Bradshaw (DL)	Bob Holly (DL)	Chris Nelson (R)	Chaz Taylor (NL)
Bull Buchanan (NL)	Homicide (NC)	Ricky Noble (NL)	Sylvester Terkay (NC)
Nick Burke (NL)	Idol X (NL)	Shiima Nobunaga (NL)	Norman Tharx (NL)
The California Kid (R)	Adam Jacobs (NL)	Rob Noxious (NL)	Robert Thompson (NL)
Negro Casas (NL)	Jag (NL)	Justice Pain (NL)	K.C. Thunder (NL)
Cash Flo (NL)	Jet Jaguar (R)	Piranah (NC)	Tony B (NL)
Emilio Charles Jr. (NL)	Beau James (NL)	Mike Pittman (NL)	Mack Truck (NL)
Brian Christopher (NC)	Dave Johnson (NL)	Pogo the Clown (NL)	Tsubasa (NL)
Shawn Christopher (NL)	J.J. Johnston (DL)	Madman Pondo (NL)	Vader (DL)
Caprice Coleman (NL)	Cru Jones (NL)	Prince Justice (NL)	Chris Venom (NL)
Bobby Collins (NL)	Kaos (NL)	Psicosis (NC)	Villano III (NL)
Creeping Death (NL)	Johnny Kashmere (NL)	Redd Dogg (NC)	Brandon Walker (NL)
Cyrus (NL)	Taiyo Kea (DL)	Billy Reil (NL)	Ron Waterman (NL)
Jake Damien (NL)	Bob Keller (NL)	Matt Richards (NL)	Eddie Watts (NL)
Rick Deeze (NL)	Kimo (NC)	Rusty Riddle (NL)	Webb (NL)
Vito DeNucci (R)	Dylan Knight (NL)	Rikioh (NL)	Steve Williams (NL)
Dino Devine (NL)	Terry Knight (NL)	Essa Rios (NL)	Buck Wyld (I)
Ekmo (NC)	K-Krush (NC)	The Rock (I)	X-Pac (NC)
Faarooq (I)	Lazz (NL)	Bobby Rogers (NL)	Tadao Yasuda (NL)
Flex Fenom (NL)	Leslie Leatherman (NL)	Danny Rose (NL)	Z-Barr (NL)
David Flair (NL)	Jason Lee (NL)	Mike Rotundo (NL)	Ronnie Zukko (NL)
Adam Flash (NL)	Boyce LeGrande (NL)	Ruckus (NL)	
Jardi Frantz (NL)	Cruizer Lewis (NL)	E.Z. Ryder (NL)	
Nick Gage (NL)	Norton Lewis (NL)	El Samurai (NL)	